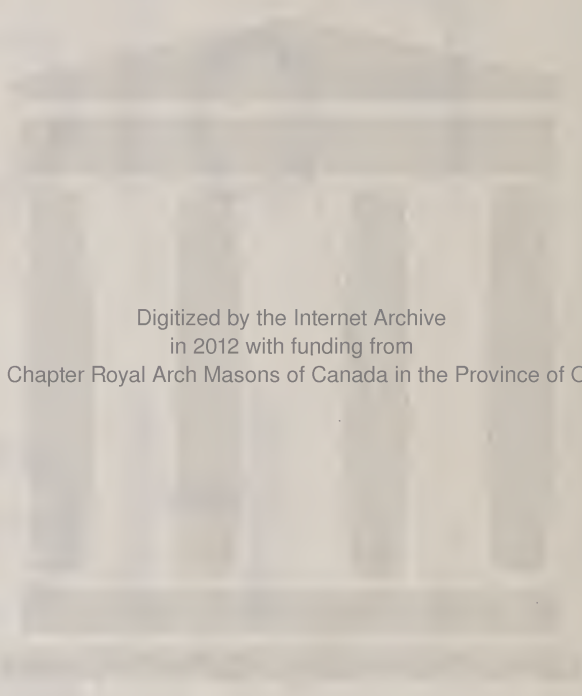








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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons of Canada,
AT ITS
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD IN THE
MASONIC HALL, AT THE CITY OF QUEBEC,
ON THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. L., 5870, A. D., 1870.



Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, GRAND Z.
T. BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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PROCEEDINGS

At the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Quebec, on Wednesday, the 10th day of August, A. L. 5870, A. D. 1870.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	A. A. Stevenson, as	" H.	
" " "	Henry Robertson,	" J.	

On the Throne.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe E.
" " "	John S. Bowen, as	" " N.
" " "	Robert Hendry, Jr.,	" Prin. Sojourner.
V. " "	John Taylor, as	" Treasurer.
R. " "	John H. Graham,	" Registrar.
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick, as	" 1st Asst. Sojourner.
V. " "	William Reid, as	" 2nd " "
" " "	Henry Macpherson, as	" Sword Bearer.
V. " "	Daniel Spry, as	" Standard Bearer.
" " "	F. M. Sowdon, as	" Dir. of Cer.
" " "	David McLellan,	" Organist.
" " "	J. Dunbar, as	" Pursuivant.
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	" Steward.
" " "	John Proctor,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Charles L. Beard,	Wilson	District.
" " "	H. W. Day,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	Thomas Milton,	Montreal	"
" " "	Edson Kemp,	Eastern Township	"
" " "	H. J. Pratten,	Quebec	"

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	A. A. Stevenson,	P. G. H.
" " "	C. D. Macdonnell,	P. G. H.
" " "	W. J. B. McLeod Moore,	P. G. H.
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick,	P. G. Sup't.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	P. G. Sup t.
" " "	John S. Bowen,	P. G. Sup't.
V. " "	Daniel Spry,	P. G. Asst. Soj'r.
" " "	Geo. En Earl,	P. G. Asst. Soj'r
" " "	William Reid,	P. G. S. B.
" " "	Christopher Stavely,	P. G. Steward.
" " "	John Taylor,	P. G. Steward.

VISITING.

R. E. Comp. D. Burnham Tracy, P. G. Scribe, Grand Chapter, Michigan.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Representative of Tennessee.
 R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, Representative of Missouri.
 R. E. Comp. James Seymour, Representative of Indiana.

A constitutional number of Representatives from duly warranted Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in **ample form** at 12.30 o'clock, P. M.

The Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, having appointed R. E. Comps. L. H. Henderson, H. J. Pratten, and E. Comp. F. J. Menet, a Committee on Cre-

dentials of Representatives of Chapters, beg to report the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter, viz. :

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.

“ “ “ Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P. Z.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

V. E. Comp. William Reid, Z.

“ “ A. J. Nuthall, J.

R. “ “ Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

E. Comp. Fred J. Menet, H. & P. Z.

V. “ “ Jas. K. Kerr, P. J.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, O.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, P. Z.

“ “ “ H. W. Day, P. Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

V. E. Comp. David McLellan, Z.

“ “ E. Hollingshead, J.

“ “ “ Daniel Spry, P. Z.

No. 9. GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, SHERBROOKE, Q.

R. E. Comp. J. H. Graham, P. Z.

No. 10. NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

R. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, Jun., Z.

No. 13. STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, Q.

V. E. Comp. C. Staveley, Z.

" " H. P. Leggatt, H.

" " F. T. Thomas, J.

R. " " H. J. Pratten, P. Z.

" " " John S. Bowen, P. Z.

" " J. Dunbar, P. Z.

" " A. McCallum, P. H.

" John Proctor, Grand Janitor.

No. 14. PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, Q.

R. E. Comp. Edson Kemp, P. Z.

No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, O.

E. Comp. John A. MacKenzie, Z.

No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, O.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, P. Z.

R. " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P. Z.

" " William Hay, H.

No. 17. DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO, Q.

R. E. Comp. Edson Kemp, P. Z.

No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, O.

R. E. Comp. Charles L. Beard, Z.

No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, O.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P. Z.

No. 20. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, O.

V. E. Comp. John Taylor, Z.

No. 21. CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.

E. Comp. F. M. Sowdon, Z.

R. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. Z.

- No. 22. GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, O.
V. E. Comp. Geo. En Earl, P. Z.
- No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, O.
R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (Proxy.)
- No. 25. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
E. Comp. R. Handsley, Z.
R. " " Thomas Milton, P. Z.
- No. 26. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, O.
R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.
" " " H. W. Day, P. Z.
- No. 34. SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA, O.
V. E. Comp. R. Ramsay, P. Z.
- No. 36. CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBORO', O.
R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, (Proxy.)
- U. D. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH, O.
E. Comp. W. D. Hepburn, J.
- U. D. HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL.
E. Comp. Ralph A. Woodcock, Z.
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.

The Committee also beg leave to report that R. E. Comp. H. Robertson presented a proxy from Seymour Chapter, Bradford. Ont., at present working under dispensation from the M. E. the G. Z., which your Committee declined to accept, recognizing the principle that a Chapter working under dispensation has no power to grant a proxy.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that among the names of the visitors to this Grand Chapter, they find

recorded that of R. E. Comp. D. Burnham Tracy, P. G. Scribe, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, U. S. A.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. HENDERSON.

FRED. J. MENET.

HENRY J. PRATTEN.

On motion the Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the last Annual Convocation, when

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, and resolved—

That inasmuch as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at Kingston on the 10th and 11th days of August, A. D. 1869, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered read and now confirmed.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence from this Annual Convocation, from the following Grand Officers, were read, viz., R. E. Comp. R. Marshall and V. E. Comp. D. R. Munro, New Brunswick, R. E. Comp. T. Sargent and V. E. Comp. F. Mudge.

The M. E. Grand Z. delivered the following address to the Companions in Grand Chapter assembled.

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent "The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada."

GREETING :

COMPANIONS,—So smooth has been the path of Capitular Masonry in and throughout the Dominion, since we last assembled together, that I have no little difficulty to so prepare the usual annual address, as to make it all interesting. I can, however, at all events, repeat what I said at our last convocation, that I feel happy in once more meeting you, and I pray in all sincerity, that we may be allowed for many a future year, to assemble in harmony and good fellowship,—that no cloud may rise in our Masonic sky, threatening to mar the symmetry of our high and honorable branch of Freemasonry,—and that our future may be as sunshiny as our past has been prosperous,—and so I greet you all well, my companions.

And now for a few facts and some brief statistics. We number thirty nine subordinate Chapters. I have issued dispensations in favor of four new Chapters, and I hope Grand Chapter will, if all is found to be satisfactory otherwise, grant the necessary warrants of Confirmation. The names and the places where held are as follows:—Seymour Chapter, Bradford; Botsford Chapter, Moncton, N. B.; Guelph Chapter, Guelph; Harris Chapter, Ingersoll. One you will observe belongs to New Brunswick,—thus adding element to our common bond of union!

I am glad to state to Grand Chapter that one of our oldest subordinates, St. Andrew's Chapter, Toronto, is most fully revived, and working worthy its ancient fame. I am also happy to add that St. John's Chapter, on the registry

of Scotland, has surrendered its warrant, and amalgamated with St. Andrew's, and in accordance with the desire of the companion members of both, I sanctioned a change of name. The amalgamated Chapter is now called, "St. Andrew and St. John Chapter," No. 4, Registry of Canada.

I have granted several Dispensations for the election of principals; all in my opinion being absolutely necessary for the welfare and existence of the respective Chapters interested, owing to the paucity of candidates, otherwise qualified under our Constitution. I have also confirmed many of the By-Laws of our subordinate bodies.

Since our last Annual Convocation the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has been formally organized, and although I could not help thinking the action somewhat premature, considering the small number of Chapters existing in that Province, yet acting on my conviction, that where there is a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter may of right follow, I had no hesitation about acknowledging the "*Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia*," and wishing that body all success and prosperity.

The "*Grand Mark Lodge of England*" also claimed recognition, and an interchange of Brotherly courtesies, and as the Mark Degree is one of those sanctioned by this Grand Chapter, I saw nothing opposed to the allowance of that claim, and the Grand Scribe E. wrote to the authorities in England accordingly by my desire, conveying the recognition and good wishes of Grand Chapter.

Our own subordinate Chapters, I have reason to believe are prospering, and our members are increasing in number and preserving the good name and honor of our Order,—concerning which the several Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts will give you more full information than I can. So also will the statements and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. put you in complet

possession of the Financial condition of Grand Chapter. I have caused all the accounts to be paid, as sanctioned by you, and the vouchers will come regularly before your notice.

The report on "*Foreign Correspondence*" will, as usual, be submitted by the able Chairman of that Committee, and you will there see how zealously and faithfully the interests of Capitular Masonry are guarded and looked after by other Sovereign Bodies, with all of whom we are, I have pleasure in stating, in close fellowship and neighborly relationship,—who are all flourishing,—and who all manifest a very kindly interest in the welfare of the "Grand Chapter of Canada!"

You will observe on the Proceedings of last year, a notice of motion for an amendment to clause No. 4, "*of proposing members*," in our Book of Constitution, which, if it becomes law, will specifically add to the dispensing power of your Grand First Principal. I deem it my duty to invite your attention to this, as it will be an alteration affecting an important clause.

Another and a most serious matter I submit also for the due consideration of Grand Chapter, is our proposed authorized Ritual. The Committee have attended to this very carefully and anxiously, a report is prepared, the work is in readiness for exemplification,—and the result will be submitted to your wisdom and for your determination. And while on this topic, I have to suggest to Grand Chapter to consider the necessity and propriety of working the Degrees of "*Royal and Select Masters*," as practiced in the United States of America, and known as "*Cryptic*" Masonry. These Degrees would seem to be proper appendages to Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry, and are interesting, if not absolutely necessary. The Province of New Brunswick has a recognized Grand Council controlling these Degrees. and I have been appointed Inspector in and

for Quebec and Ontario. But it would obviously be preferable for Grand Chapter at once to assume the government, and grant Warrants—which action, when three or more subordinate Councils spring into life, will result in the regular organization of a Grand Council for Quebec and Ontario, and thus place the Degrees on a correct and prosperous footing.

The only remaining subject to which I invite your notice is the retirement of the Most Excellent Companion, the Earl of Zetland, from the high office of Grand Z. of the *Grand Chapter of England*—which, all of you know, he has worthily held for more than a quarter of a century, and now vacates, owing to ill health,—to the great regret and sorrow of all over whom he has ruled for so long and arduous a period. I think the Grand Chapter would honor herself by sending home to England a complimentary address to that courteous and kind hearted Nobleman and Companion, expressive of our high esteem and good wishes for his restoration to health and future comfort.

Before concluding, I cannot help making reference to an existing unfortunate condition of affairs in the Province of Quebec. I do not know *officially*, as your presiding officer, what has occurred there in relation to Craft Masonry, and therefore I have nothing *officially* to submit to Grand Chapter. But we are none of us blind to the plain fact that there is in that Province division in our ranks, and an unhappy state of things, attended with much personal bitterness, which actually precludes brotherly recognition of many most estimable members of our Institution, and which ought not to exist amongst Freemasons! I am sure Grand Chapter will, with me, truly regret all these untoward circumstances, and pray for a harmonious and brotherly arrangement of matters that have caused so damaging a shock to our otherwise perfect structure. You all know to what my present allusions point. Let us not, however,

permit discord if possible to arise out of those events, in *our* high Branch of the Order. Let *us* hope and trust that all difficulties will shortly disappear, or be removed. Let *us* work for that end ! and let *us* bear in mind, that as *we* have hitherto steered clear of personal differences, so there need be no future ill-will, or angry feeling,—and Grand Chapter can remain, as now, in a condition to look on calmly,—and quietly accept any result,—always desiring prosperity and God speed to all ; ever looking to the good of our Institution, and aiding to establish and perpetuate general harmony, Masonic Union, and Brotherly charity and good-will ! Such should be the true sentiments of every member of our Order. Added to which, should be devoted loyalty to our sovereign and country ! This should be *one* of our beacons and watch-words !

Since we last met, the Dominion has been threatened, I will not call it invaded, by another Fenian horde. They went back faster than they came, and let it be a fair subject of pride to us, that their earliest opponent is a *Freemason* ! I allude to Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Chamberlain, who hurried to the defence of the frontier, and was so fortunate as to command the first of our brave fellows, who made the worthless scoundrels regularly bolt out of Canada ! So also was our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Stevenson, one of the foremost, in proceeding with his battery, to meet the Fenian vagabonds, who had once more insulted the territory of our glorious and beloved Queen ! And, Companions, you will find Freemasons are ever ready to be in the van on such occasions,—and so they ought,—and they should remember their peculiar tie, and bear and forbear, and drive away discord, even as the Fenians were sent to the right about ! I am sure that we all think alike.

And now, in conclusion, let me thank you for your many kindnesses to, and the honors you have conferred upon me. I find I have been elected to preside over Grand Chapter for

the past seven years continuously,—and also during 1859 and 1860. I now ask you to relieve me from the duties of my high office. I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to promote your interests, and I hope I have not failed. You have many able companions, who are willing,—nay anxious to succeed me to the highest gift you can bestow, and their ambition is laudable and not to be despised. I feel I should give way!—and so I finish by wishing Grand Chapter unceasing prosperity, and praying heartily that the Great Architect of the Universe,—whose Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence are so largely dwelt upon, in this the “*Capestone*” Degree of Freemasonry,—will bless and protect us all. So mote it be!

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, 33°,

Grand Z.,

QUEBEC, 10th August, 1870. Grand Chapter of Canada.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Hy. Robertson, and resolved—

That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon at this Convocation.

The following reports from the various Masonic District Superintendents were read:

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled.

As Superintendent of the London District, and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

I have visited the Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, and have much pleasure in reporting that Chapter in a flourishing

condition. Since I reorganized it in July of last year, it has added eleven new members to its roll. Five of its old members, who from age, or having removed to too great a distance from the Chapter, have found it inconvenient to attend, and have therefore retired. It now numbers forty efficient members, and I am happy to say that harmony and brotherly love prevails amongst them.

The St. George's Chapter, No. 5, in this City, which I have been elected to preside over, is also in a flourishing condition. It has added four new members during the past year, and one (Comp. Sorley) has retired in order to join a newly-formed Chapter in the Town of Ingersoll, where he resides. St. George's Chapter now numbers fifty-four Companions.

In the month of June of the present year, I had much pleasure in assisting R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., and R. E. Comp. Chas. L. Beard, Grand Superintendent of the Wilson District, in opening a new Chapter, to be called the "Harris Chapter," in the Town of Ingersoll, on which occasion nineteen candidates were balloted for and accepted—a very gratifying proof that Royal Arch Masonry is flourishing in a very eminent degree in this part of the Dominion.

I am most happy to state that during the two years in which I have had the honor to preside over this District, no case of grievance or appeal has been submitted to me.

I have, therefore, much pleasure in congratulating Grand Chapter on the satisfactory condition of Capitular Masonry in the London District.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. F. McMULLEN,

Grand Supt., London District.

LONDON, ONT., 6th August, 1870.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have again the honor to submit the following report upon the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wilson District.

In May last a dispensation was issued by the M. E. Z., authorizing a Chapter to be opened in the Town of Ingersoll, to be named "Harris" Chapter, after our esteemed Grand S. E. The Chapter has been organized, and the Officers duly installed by R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, assisted by R. E. Comp Thos. F. McMullen, Grand Superintendent of the London District, and myself, on which occasion nineteen candidates were balloted for with a favorable result—ten of whom have since been received and accepted, and three exalted. I have every reason to expect that its future career will be prosperous, and have much pleasure in recommending that the action of the M. E. G. Z. be confirmed by granting a Warrant to this Chapter. The other Chapters in the District, three in number, continue to work well and harmoniously; no complaint of any kind having been made to me during the past year.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, has lately removed to its new room, which, although not yet completely furnished, bears evidence of the taste displayed by the Companions to whom that duty has been entrusted: this remark applies, also, to the large and handsome Hall in the same building, occupied by the Lodges of the Town.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, is also about to remove to a new and handsome Hall in process of erection.

I regret that I have been unable to visit Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, during the past year; a large portion of the time during which I intended to have done so having been occupied in visiting the new Chapter in Ingersoll, but from communications I have received from V. E. Comp. John Wilson, the First Principal, I am satisfied that it continues to work as well and satisfactory as when I had last the pleasure of visiting it.

I also regret having to report to Grand Chapter the death of R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, P. Z., and honorary member of Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, on the 26th of March last, in the 80th year of his age. He attended a convocation of the Chapter a few days only before his death. His remains were interred with full Masonic ceremonies. The Band of the Twenty-Second Battalion of Oxford Rifles volunteered their services on the occasion, thus showing the esteem in which our late R. E. Companion was held by not only the members of the Order, but by his fellow-townsmen generally.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES L. BEARD,

Grand Supt., Wilson District.

WOODSTOCK, ONT., August 8th, 1870.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Grand Chapter assembled.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:

I have the honor to report to you that all the Chapters in this District are in a prosperous condition.

With the exception of one, I have had the pleasure of making a formal visit to all the Chapters within my jurisdiction, and therefore know from personal inspection that all are working regularly and efficiently, and increasing in membership.

I have no recommendation to make to Grand Chapter this year, further than to respectfully request that some consideration may be given by Grand Chapter to the suggestion contained in my report of last year, to the effect that other officers than First Principals might be permitted to confer subordinate Degrees, so as to relieve the former in some measure of some of

their onerous duties, and thus tend to a more perfect working of the Ritual.

Respectfully submitted.

B. E. CHARLTON,

Grand Supt., Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I have much pleasure in presenting the following report regarding the condition of Capitular Masonry in the District under my superintendence.

As at last Convocation of Grand Chapter the Districts of Toronto and Ontario were separated, I may state that the Chapters under my jurisdiction are: St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4; King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto; Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood; Signet Chapter, No. 34, Orillia; and Seymour Chapter, (under dispensation) Bradford.

I have visited all the Chapters in my District during the past year, with one exception, viz., Manitou Chapter, Collingwood, pressing business having prevented me, but feeling confident that the interests of Grand Chapter were carefully represented by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, G. J.

In January I duly installed the officers of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8; St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 4; and Signet Chapter, No. 34; and feel much pleasure in reporting that each of these Chapters is well and efficiently worked.

In February the M. E. Z. granted a dispensation authorizing a Chapter to be opened at Bradford, to be called "Seymour Chapter," the officers of which were installed by R. E. Comp. J. Seymour, G. H., R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, G. J., and myself, with the assistance of a number of Companions from

Toronto and Collingwood. The officers of this Chapter are good and efficient workers, and from the material then presented for inspection, I can cheerfully recommend that a Warrant be granted, feeling confident that it will be a good and faithful Chapter.

The most pleasing incident I have to report is the amalgamation of the St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 4, G. R. C., and the St. John's, No. 75, S. R. The preliminary steps were taken by both Chapters in January last, and after several committee meetings, it was decided to amalgamate said Chapters under the name of the "Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John," No. 4, G. R. C.; and by dispensation granted by the M. E. Z., (which will have been fully set forth in his address,) they had a new election of officers, which I duly installed as officers of the new Chapter till the next regular convocation in January. I most heartily recommend the Companions of the late St. John's Chapter to the esteem, good-will, and fraternal regard and affection of the Companions of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and feel assured that their reception into our jurisdiction will be hearty and unanimous, and that they, with the able assistance of the Companions of old St. Andrew's Chapter, will jointly "raise a superstructure, perfect in all its parts and honorable to the builders."

In conclusion, I have to thank the Companions in the District for their hearty co-operation in all cases of emergency, when called upon by me in the requirements of Grand Chapter work in this District.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. SARGANT,

Grand Supt., Toronto District.

TORONTO, 5th August, A. D. 1870.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I beg to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

There are now four Chapters in good working order within the District, viz.: Pentalpha, at Oshawa; Keystone, at Whitby; Corinthian, at Peterboro'; Victoria, at Port Hope. All these Chapters, although recently formed, are progressing in a very favorable manner: and I am glad to be able to report that great harmony and kind brotherly feeling still continues to prevail throughout the District.

In concluding, I would beg to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy extended to me by all the Companions within the District.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,

Grand Supt., Ontario District.

OSHAWA, 6th August, 1860.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit the following report on the state of Capitular Masonry in the District under my charge.

During the past year I have not been called upon to perform any act that requires special report. The number of Chapters remain the same as last year—three—viz.: Moira, No. 7, Belleville; St. Mark's, No. 26, Trenton; and Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton. They are all working harmoniously, and no complaint has been laid before me for adjustment.

I regret having to report the deaths of Comp. Peter James Flindall, Past P. S., of St. Mark's Chapter, and Comp. James Whiteford, of Moira Chapter.

In submitting this report, I must most heartily thank the Companions of the District for the kindness with which they have treated me during the time that I have had the honor of holding my present position among them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. DAY,

Grand Supt., Prince Edward District.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada in Annual Convocation assembled.

I have the honor to submit the following brief report on the condition of the Royal Arch Chapters within this District.

The number of Chapters remain the same as last year—four—but there are only three regular working Chapters, viz.: Ancient Frontenac, No. 1, and Cataraqui, No. 12, in the City of Kingston, and Carleton, No. 16, at Ottawa: the latter Chapter, I regret to say, I did not visit, but from the reputed standing and working of the Chapter, and information received, can report that it is in a prosperous condition. The other Chapter, Grenville, Mo. 22, I have not heard from, although several promises were made that they would notify me on their removal to Merrickville.

No Masonic complaints have been represented to me for the past year, and I have to congratulate the Chapters of the District on the harmony and good feeling existing.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. M. WILKINSON,

Grand Supt., Central District.

KINGSTON, August 1st, 1870.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of Grand Chapter, I have again the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the District of Montreal.

The Chapters over which I have had the honor to be Superintendent for the past six years, continue to meet regularly, work creditably; and considering the difficulties that have taken place among the Brethren of Craft Masonry in the Province of Quebec during the past year, are progressing favorably.

No member of Grand Chapter will for a moment suppose that disagreements such as have occurred among the Brethren of the Blue Lodges, in the Province of Quebec, could take place without in some measure disturbing the peace and harmony of Capitular Masonry; but it affords me great pleasure to report that these difficulties, when they have got within the portals of the Chapter, have been well and ably adjusted by the presiding officers of both Chapters. And should there be any such difficulty still pending, or should any hereafter arise, I have no hesitation in saying that they will be managed in the same able, friendly and fraternal manner.

Both the Carnarvon Chapter, No. 21, and the Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25, which comprise all the Chapters yet established in this District, found themselves, at their last annual convocation for the election of officers, peculiarly situated; not having any duly qualified Companions amongst them able and willing to accept the office of First Principal Z., each Chapter was therefore under the necessity of electing a Companion who, though having filled the offices of Third and Second Principal with satisfaction, had not served the office of Master of a Lodge. Application had therefore to be made to the Most Excellent Grand Z. for his special permission to install the Companions so elected, which he in his wisdom and goodness was pleased to grant. They were both duly installed in

their respective chairs, together with the officers elected to assist them, and although they (the First Principals) have not had that experience and practice generally considered necessary for the well-ruling, governing and working of a Royal Arch Chapter, yet I trust that the example they both have had set before them while they held positions subordinate to that which they now hold, together with their zeal for the Order, will enable them to discharge the important duties incumbent on them, with honor to themselves, satisfaction to their Companions, and the gratification of this Grand Chapter.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

THOMAS MILTON,

Grand Supt., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, 9th August, 1870.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

Agreably with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District.

There are three Chapters in the District, viz.: Golden Rule, No. 9, Sherbrooke; Prevost, No. 14, Dunham; and Dorchester, No. 17, Waterloo.

I made official visits to the Golden Rule Chapter in the months of February and June last. The Chapter is presided over by R. E. Comp. J. H. Graham, Grand Registrar, and I need scarcely add, under so able and expert a ruler, the duties of the Grand Superintendent in relation thereto were rendered comparatively trifling. The Chapter is most favorably situated, and is regularly increasing in its numbers, and that, too, with the "material required for the building." I cannot speak too highly of the courtesy and attention extended to me by the officers and Companions of Golden Rule Chapter on either

occasion of my visiting them, more than amply repaying me for the fatigue of my drive to and from Sherbrooke, some fifty odd miles distant from my residence. In making the above remarks relative to Golden Rule Chapter, I may add that I feel I would be doing it, as well as myself, injustice, were I not thus publicly to speak of the admirable records of the Chapter presented for my inspection,—too much praise can hardly be awarded them; and in connection therewith I might add that the elegance and completeness of the records are mainly due to the labor and skill of V. E. Comp. H. J. Martin, P. Z. of the Chapter, and a Past Officer of this Grand Chapter, now residing at Washington, D. C.

Prevost Chapter is still under my direction as First Principal Z. During the past year we have exalted several Companions; and, from the interest manifested by its members in its advancement and progress, I have no hesitation in predicting for the Chapter a most prosperous future. We are surrounded with abundant material, and a growing interest in our mysteries is manifested among the Brethren.

I have not visited Dorchester Chapter during my incumbency of the office of Grand Superintendent. The Chapter is in a prosperous condition—not doing, however, a great amount of work, and not holding its convocations very regularly.

The removal from the District and country during the past year of R. E. Comp H. L. Robinson, P. Z. of Dorchester Chapter, and for several years Grand Superintendent of the District, is not only a most serious loss to that Chapter but to the District,—creating in both a vacancy not readily filled. The many well-known and efficient services of R. E. Comp. Robinson in connection with this Grand Chapter, render it unnecessary for me to recapitulate them; suffice it to say that in every position, he was ever found most courteous, zealous and efficient, and let us hope that in the country of his adoption it may be proved that our loss is their gain.

In concluding this report, Most Excellent Sir, I need only add that Capitular Masonry in this District is making decided

advancement, opening a field of labor at once highly interesting and eminently instructive to those of our Brethren who feel more than an ordinary interest in the mysteries and teachings of our ancient and honorable fraternity of Freemasons.

All which is nevertheless most respectfully submitted.

EDSON KEMP,

Grand Supt., Eastern Townships District.

NELSONVILLE, 9th August, 1870.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

There being only one Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at present within the limits of my District, leaves me little to say on the subject of Capitular Masonry here. The Stadacona Chapter meets regularly every month, independent of emergent convocations, of which there have been several during the past year. I have attended nearly every one of these meetings, which have been characterized by perfect harmony and fraternal intercourse, no question of any momentous nature having presented itself to evoke unpleasant feelings of any kind. I regret, however, to be compelled to observe that the irregular attendance of many of the duly appointed officers has prevented the attainment of that thorough efficiency of working which should be the constant aim of every office-bearer in our noble Order.

The whole most respectfully submitted.

HENRY J. PRATTEN,

Grand Supt., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 4th August, 1870.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In this my third annual report, it affords me much gratification to state that Capitular Masonry continues to receive the thoughtful consideration of the members of our Order throughout the Province, and I may add that I feel persuaded the time is rapidly approaching when some decided action will be had, with a view to the consolidation of the government of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in New Brunswick. As you are aware, we have Chapters in this Province holding Warrants from the Grand Chapters of Scotland and England, as well as two Chapters working under authority from our own Grand Chapter, viz., New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, of this City, and Botsford Chapter, of Moncton—while in the Province of Nova Scotia there exists an Independent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and at the same time Chapters are working in that Province under Warrants from the Grand Chapter of Scotland; and I believe that even in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec there are Royal Arch Chapters held under foreign authority. Now, whatever may be the true policy as to the government of Craft Masonry in the several Provinces of our Dominion, it does appear reasonable to suppose that the substantial interests of the other Orders of our time-honored Institution would be better promoted by having the control and government of the respective divisions of these Orders emanating from one source throughout the whole territory. I therefore venture to hope that measures may be suggested at the present Grand Convocation calculated to aid in bringing about results so desirable.

As you are aware, a number of the leading Masons of Moncton, in the County of Westmoreland, applied to New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, and were exalted to the Degree of the Royal Arch, with a view to the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in that Town. After your Dispensation had been received, upon invitation from the Principal Z.,

the Hon. Bliss Botsford, and the other officers and members of Botsford Chapter, I had the honor, in company with a number of Principals, and other Royal Arch Masons from this City, of attending the first convocation. After Botsford Chapter had been duly organized, a "Council of Installed Principals" was opened, and the "*Chair Degrees*" were conferred, agreeable to ancient custom, upon the Principals—the Hon. Bliss Botsford, J. L. Harris, Esq., and Dr. Chandler. By reference to report from Botsford Chapter, you will perceive that this body has organized under most auspicious circumstances; and from its central position, as well as from the fact of the well-known ability and zeal of its members, I am assured that this Chapter will rapidly attain a position perhaps not second to any in these Maritime Provinces.

In withdrawing from the position of Superintendent, I beg to say that it will be my aim to aid my successor in every way in my power, to the end that the material interests of our Order may be advanced in this section of the Dominion of Canada.

I have the honor to be,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROBERT MARSHALL,

Grand Supt., New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN, N. B. 20th July, 1870.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. Jas. K. Kerr, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the foregoing reports of the Grand Superintendents of the various Districts be received and referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted the following statements, exhibiting the annual receipts and the condition of Chapters, as per returns to the 31st July, with books, etc., which were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Dr. THOMAS B. HARRIS, G. S. E., in account with Grand Chapter, for the financial year ending 30th July, 1870. Cr.

No.		\$	c.		\$	c.
No.	2—The Hiram.....	20	40	1869.	Dec. 20—By Grand Treasurer.....	162 00
"	4—St. Andrew and St. John.....	29	20	1870.	Feb. 17— " ".....	150 00
"	6—St. George's.....	34	20	"	" ".....	70 00
"	5—St. John's.....	62	50	"	" ".....	200 00
"	8—King Solomon's.....	115	10	"	" ".....	250 00
"	10—New Brunswick.....	107	70	"	" ".....	250 00
"	12—Cataqui.....	36	70	"	" ".....	356 05
"	13—Stadacona.....	3	00	"	" ".....	
"	15—Wawanosh.....	31	00			
"	16—Carleton.....	30	00			
"	17—Dorchester.....	17	70			
"	18—Oxford.....	18	80			
"	19—Mount Moriah.....	24	00			
"	20—Mount Horeb.....	6	80			
"	21—Carnarvon.....	3	00			
"	22—Grenville.....	9	60			
"	23—Ezra.....	11	25			
"	24—Tecumseh.....	14	30			
"	25—Mount Horeb.....	76	00			
"	27—Manitou.....	18	40			
"	28—Pentalpha.....	138	60			
"	29—McCallum.....	60	00			
"	31—Prince Edward's.....	28	80			
"	32—Waterloo.....	36	70			
"	33—The Hiram.....	33	50			
"	34—Signet.....	10	00			
"	35—Keystone.....	7	00			
"	37—Victoria.....	62	80			
U. D.	Seymour.....	40	00			
U. D.	Guelph.....	50	00			
U. D.	Harris.....	50	00			
	Cash.....	1	00			
		\$1,188 05				
						1,188 05

The following Chapters have paid since ;—Nos. 1, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 21, 22, 33 and 36.

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1870.

No.	NAME.	PLACE.	LAST RETURN.	1869	1870	Dr.		Cr.	
						\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1	Ancient Frontenac.....	Kingston, O.	31st January	1869	1870				
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton, O.	"	..	1870	00	00	1	00
3	St. Andrew and St. John..	Toronto, O.	"	..	1870	4	00		
4	St. Andrew and St. John..	Toronto, O.	"	..	1870	12	00		
5	St. George's.....	London, O.	"	..	1870	00	00	1	00
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton, O.	"	..	1870	00	00	1	00
7	Molra.....	Belleville, O.	"	1869	1870	42	40	3	20
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto, O.	"	1869	1870	00	00		
9	Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke, Q.	"	1869	1870	125	00		
10	New Brunswick.....	St. John, N. B.	"	..	1870	17	50	14	00
11	Cataragui.....	Kingston, Q.	"	..	1870	00	00		
12	Stadacona.....	Quebec, Q.	"	1869	..	00	00		
13	Prevost.....	Dunham, Q.	"	1869	..	7	00		
14	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia, O.	"	1869	..	24	00		
15	Carleton.....	Ottawa, O.	"	..	1870	00	00		
16	Dorchester.....	Waterloo, Q.	"	..	1870	10	00		
17	Oxford.....	Woodstock, O.	"	..	1870	00	00		
18	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines, O.	"	..	1870	00	00		
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines, O.	"	..	1870	00	00		
20	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines, O.	"	..	1870	2	76		
21	Carnarvon.....	Montreal, Q.	"	..	1870	00	00		
22	Grenville.....	Prescott, O.	"	1869	1870	00	00	1	00
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe, O.	"	1869	1870	00	00		
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford, O.	"	1869	..	7	11		
25	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal, Q.	"	..	1870	00	00		
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton, O.	"	..	1870	00	00	1	60
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood, O.	"	1868	1870	00	00		
28	Pentapolis.....	Oshawa, O.	"	..	1870	2	00		
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville, O.	"	..	1870	00	00		
30	Huron.....	Goderich, O.	"	..	1870	00	00	11	60
31	Prince Edward's.....	Pictou, O.	"	1868	1870	9	00		
32	Waterloo.....	Galt, O.	"	..	1870	1	00		
33	Hiram.....	Goldenville, N. S.	"	1869	1870	00	00		
34	Signet.....	Orillia, O.	August	1869	..	00	00		
35	Keystone.....	Whitby, O.	March	1869	..	2	76		
36	Corinthian.....	Peterboro', O.	"	1869	..	8	00		
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope, O.	"	1869	..	12	30		
U.D.	Seymour.....	Bradford, O.	31st January	..	1870	00	00		
U.D.	Botsford.....	Motneon, N. B.	"	..	1870	00	00		
U.D.	Guelph.....	Guelph, O.	August	..	1870	40	00		
U.D.	Harris.....	Ingersoll, O.	"	..	1870	7	20		
				..	1870	4	00		

TABULAR STATEMENT, extracted from Returns for the year 1870.

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	Number of Registrations.	Number of Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Number of Members.	Amount of Fees paid.
									c.
1	Ancient Frontenac.....	Kingston.....	1	2	1	..	..	50	
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	5	..	3	..	..	47	40
4	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	5	8	1	..	..	43	29 20
5	St. George's.....	London.....	4	1	1	..	..	51	34 20
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	14	1	2	..	1	100	62 50
7	Moirs.....	Belleville.....	..	..	16	..	10	16	74
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	24	6	5	2	1	83	115 10
*9	Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke.....	..	..	..	..	..	72	
10	New Brunswick.....	St. John.....	16	1	19	2	1	98	107 70
12	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	8	2	2	..	..	36	36 70
13	Stadacona.....	Quebec.....	13	11	6	..	..	73	3 00
14	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	..	3	1	..	..	24	
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	6	..	5	..	2	35	31 00
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	6	2	1	..	2	63	30 00
17	Dorchester.....	Waterloo.....	4	1	..	..	3	51	17 70
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	3	..	1	..	..	42	18 80
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	4	..	7	1	1	70	24 00
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	1	..	4	..	1	29	6 80
21	Carnarvon.....	Montreal.....	..	..	3	9	1	47	3 00
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	1	..	1	1	..	33	9 60
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	8	..	..	..	1	33	11 25
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	4	1	2	3	..	49	14 30
25	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal.....	23	..	1	1	2	76	76 00
*26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....	..	..	..	..	..	27	
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	4	..	3	..	1	33	18 40
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	2	..	2	..	..	60	138 60
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	3	..	6	..	..	22	60 00
*30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	..	..	..	..	..	21	
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	6	..	4	..	..	24	28 80
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....	11	1	1	..	..	26	16 70
+34	Signet.....	Orillia.....	..	..	..	..	..	10	10 00
+35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....	..	..	..	..	..	12	7 00
36	Corinthian.....	Peterboro'.....	6	..	..	..	..	16	
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope.....	13	..	..	..	..	22	62 80
38	Seymour.....	Bradford.....	..	..	..	..	..	10	40 00
39	Botsford.....	Moneton.....	..	..	..	..	..	10	
40	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	..	..	..	..	..	10	50 00
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll.....	..	..	..	..	..	10	50 00
33	Hiram.....	Goldenville.....	..	..	..	..	..	33	50

*No returns for 1869 and 1870.

†No returns for 1870.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll.....	38
“ “ represented in Grand Chapter.....	32
“ Registrations reported.....	211
“ Joinings.....	40
“ Withdrawals.....	92
“ Suspensions.....	35
“ Deaths.....	19
“ Members on Roll of Chapters.....	1,491
Receipts for the year.....	\$1,188.05

The Grand Scribe E. submitted the statement and Books and Vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, which were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Dr. THE GRAND TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA. Cr.

1869.		1870.		
Aug. 11.	To balance	\$977 87	Aug. 20.	By order favor T.B. Harris, G.S.E. \$371 02
Dec. 20.	" Cash from Grand S. E.....	162 00	" "	" " J. T. Rolph..... 120 00
1870.			" "	" " T. & R. White... 12 00
Feb. 18.	" do	150 00	" "	" " Hy. Robertson.... 50 00
Feb. 26.	" do	70 00	Dec. 20.	" " T. & R. White.... 162 00
April 14.	" do	200 00		—\$715 02
June 11.	" do	250 00	1870.	
July 30.	" do	356 05	Jan. 11.	By draft " J. T. Rolph..... 60 00
Aug. 6.	Interest on deposits.....	7 80	Feb. 26.	" order " R. Haigh..... 70 00
				— 130 00
			" Cost of Bank draft and postage	1 63
			" Balance in Bank.....	1,298 07
			" Due bill.....	29 00
				—1,327 07
				—
				\$2,173 72

1870.

August 6. To balance brought down.....\$1,327 07

JOHN V. NOEL, E. E.

Grand Treasurer.

KINGSTON, August 6th, 1870.

AUDITED August 10th, 1870, and found correct.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman,

Audit and Finance.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted the correspondence and circular received from the G. S. E. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, having reference to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, which, with other papers, were referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge, in England, making enquiries as to the position of that Order in Canada.

The M. E. Grand Z. informed Grand Chapter that he had directed the Grand Scribe E. to forward a reply, to the effect that the Degree was recognized by the Grand Chapter, and conferred under and by virtue of Chapter Warrants.

R. E. Comp. T. Bird Harris presented his credentials as accredited Representative of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, which were cordially accepted, and the R. E. Companion greeted with the usual courtesies.

R. E. Comp. George Frank Gouley was nominated and appointed to be the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 8.30 p. m.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, Grand H.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Grand J.

On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on Audit and Finance:—

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the M. E. Grand Council :

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have examined the Books, Vouchers and Accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct.

The Receipts for the past year are.....	\$1,195 85
Expenditures.....	846 65
Excess.....	\$ 349 20
Balance on hand at previous audit.....	977 87
Leaving present balance on hand.....	\$1,327 07

Your Committee desire to congratulate Grand Chapter on the continued improvement of its financial condition, and trust the same may continue.

Your Committee have examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend the same to be paid.

Grand Scribe E., salary to August, 1870.....	\$300 00
J. T. Rolph, certificates.....	60 00
T. & R. White, printing.....	9 75
W. Bruce, engrossing Warrants.....	12 50
Janitor, G. C., at Kingston.....	6 00
Grand Scribe E., expenses attending Convo. at Kingston..	21 75
Do., incidental expenses as per petty C. B.....	32 25
	\$442 25

Your Committee have also received an application for assistance on behalf of Comp. F. O. Illing, of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, and having considered the same, recommend that the sum of thirty dollars be granted him.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HY. ROBERTSON,

Chairman Finance Committee.

August 10, 1870.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the Report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN CANADA.

The Executive Committee begs leave to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Canada :—

The Committee has had before it the reports of the Superintendents of the London, Wilson, Hamilton, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central, Montreal, Eastern Townships, and Quebec Districts, and New Brunswick.

The Committee congratulates Grand Chapter on the healthy and prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry throughout its jurisdiction, as shown by the reports of all the District Superintendents, the steady increase in the number of subordinate Chapters, and the entire absence of complaints and grievances within the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter. It is gratifying to learn that even the unfortunate differences existing amongst Masons of Quebec has not interfered with Capitular Masonry in that Province.

The Committee rejoices to learn that St. John's Chapter, No. 75, on the Grand Register of Scotland, has surrendered its Warrant, and united with St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 4, on the Grand Register of Canada, under the name of "St. Andrew and St. John" Chapter.

Amongst those of our Companions who have gone to their eternal rest, is R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, P. G. S. N. of this Grand Chapter, whose remains were conveyed to their last resting place by his Brethren, with the proper ceremonies of our ancient Order.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MACPHERSON,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. John S. Bowen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the Address of the M. E. Grand Z. :—

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Canada assembled in Regular Convocation at Quebec.

R. E. COMPANIONS:

Your Committee would most respectfully beg to submit the following report on the M. E. First Principal's Address:—

It is a matter of great gratification to your Committee to be in a position to affirm the statements made by our M. E. First Principal respecting the increasing prosperity of this Grand Chapter, as evidenced by the further issuing of Dispensations for new Chapters, as well as the consolidation into our ranks of one of the few foreign Chapters still remaining outside our jurisdiction.

As the questions of the "State of Capitular Masonry," "Foreign Correspondence," and "Finance" will be placed in the hands of special Committees, your Committee do not feel called upon to comment on that portion of the M. E. the First Principal's Address; and further, as the proposed amendment to the Constitution has not yet become a subject of discussion, they would beg respectfully to decline referring to it.

Your Committee feel satisfied that in the recognition of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, the M. E. First Principal only carried out the unanimous views of this Chapter upon the subject, and has thereby finally settled a question that might at some future period have been the cause of irritation.

We beg most respectfully to support the opinion and argument on which the M. E. First Principal bases his recognition of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, viz.:—" *That where there is a Grand Lodge a Grand Chapter may of right follow.*" We trust, therefore, you will join with us in extending the right hand of fellowship to our young sister, and unite with us in wishing her every prosperity, and a long and continued career of success and usefulness.

Your Committee are pleased to notice that the proposed

authorized Ritual is prepared, and we trust that as the same is ready for exemplification, the members of the Grand Chapter will have an opportunity of seeing the same.

As regards the recommendation made by M. E. the First Principal, respecting the working of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, your Committee would recommend that a special Committee be appointed to consider and report on the same.

Your Committee sincerely join the Grand First Principal in the regret he expresses at the retirement of the M. E. First Principal of the Grand Chapter of England. The Earl of Zetland, who having so worthily and faithfully performed the arduous duties of his office, and advanced the interests of Masonry for so long a period, entitles him to the thanks and respect of not only the Craft in England, but of the whole Masonic world. And your Committee would respectfully suggest that the M. E. First Principal be authorized to carry out his views on the subject, by tendering him an address from the Royal Arch Masons of Canada, expressive of our high esteem and good wishes for his restoration to health and future comfort.

Your Committee regret that the M. E. First Principal should have had to make any reference to the unfortunate difficulty existing in Symbolic Masonry, as the fact of such a state of affairs is keenly and painfully felt. But your Committee hope that, as is universally desired, all subjects of discord will be avoided in this higher branch of the Order, and that all will unite in preventing any possibility of future ill-will and angry feeling by uniting with that harmony which should always characterize us.

It is a matter of great congratulation that the efforts of an unfortunate class of the neighboring Republic, misguided by crafty and scheming leaders, have been again unsuccessful, and it should be a subject of pride to us that amongst the foremost of the defenders of this portion of Her Most Gracious

Majesty's territory, the names of two such prominent Masons will be found as those of Comp. Lieut.-Col. Chamberlain and R. E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, and others.

Your Committee, in closing, must congratulate this Most Excellent body on the fact that their wisdom has confided the direction of their affairs to the hands of one so ably experienced and worthy during so long a period as seven years continuously, and they trust that whatever may be the result of future action of this Grand Chapter, that M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington will be spared, for many years to come, in full vigor of matured manhood and intellect, to assist us by his counsels in steering through the intricate reefs and shoals of the future, should it be the misfortune of this Grand Body to be obliged to encounter them.

The whole, nevertheless, most respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. BOWEN,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. S. Bowen, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the Address of the M. E. Grand Z. be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on Warrants.

The Executive Committee having had the applications for Warrants from the following Chapters laid before them, viz., from Seymour Chapter, Bradford, Ont.; Botsford Chapter, Moncton, N. B.; Guelph Chapter, Guelph, Ont.; and Harris Chapter, Ingersoll, Ont.; and having carefully considered the same, begs to recommend that Warrants be issued to said Chapters.

THOS. MILTON,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by R. E. Comp. John S. Bowen, and resolved—

That the foregoing report on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted and commenced reading the following report :

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Principal and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their Annual Report.

The generous measure of support and the flattering reception accorded to the last Review was deeply felt by your Committee, and is now gratefully acknowledged. They were also thereby incited to increased exertions, and a determination to make the succeeding report as useful and interesting as possible. Portions may be considered by some as dry and uninteresting, but may be thought by others as worthy of serious attention. Some reporters omit statistics altogether; others think they are highly important, as not only showing the actual *status* of the Craft in all the different jurisdictions, but also as enabling each Grand Chapter to compare their own work and advancement with others whose age and surrounding circumstances are somewhat similar.

Another topic is jurisprudence. Masonic jurisprudence, and particularly that portion relating to the Royal Arch, is, it must

be confessed, in an unsettled state. Nearly every jurisdiction has its own code of laws, differing in some respects from all others, and often contradicting themselves, as one presiding officer will decide quite contrary to his predecessor on the same subject. Of course your Committee cannot pretend, nor indeed, are they expected, to investigate such matters to any extent, but they endeavor to take notes of the more important decisions and points of ruling which present any novel or interesting features.

The different modes of distributing relief by our Companions elsewhere, and the various methods adopted by them to carry into practical effect the great cardinal precepts of our Order in schemes of useful benevolence, are also worthy of more than a passing notice, while the heart-felt tributes to the memory of deceased Companions who have "affiliated above," and the records of their distinguished services, lead us to contemplate the "awful hereafter," and incite us to emulate their noble example.

The custom of having an annual address delivered by the presiding officer is now almost universally adopted. These utterances of the *master minds* of the Craft—of those who have been selected by the assembled wisdom of each jurisdiction as worthy to occupy the chief place in the Synagogue, contain a vast amount of the most useful information, and are often distinguished by true and genuine eloquence.

The appointment of Representatives to other Grand Chapters is, in the opinion of your Committee, one of the best methods of perpetuating that fraternal fellowship and cordial good feeling which should characterize all our intercourse as Royal Arch Masons. This system is being adopted by a number of our sister Grand Chapters, and no doubt will be attended by beneficial results.

Your Committee have received and examined the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters as under, viz. :

1. Scotland.....1869	17. Minnesota.....1870
2. Alabama.....1869	18. Mississippi.....1870
3. California.....1870	19. Missouri.....1869
4. Delaware.....1870	20. New Hampshire.....1868-69
5. District of Columbia....1869	21. New Jersey.....1869
6. Florida.....1869	22. New York.....1870
7. Illinois.....1869	23. North Carolina.....1869
8. Indiana.....1869	24. Nova Scotia.....1869
9. Iowa.....1869	25. Pennsylvania.....1868-69
10. Kansas.....1869	26. Rhode Island.....1870
11. Kentucky.....1869	27. Tennessee.....1869
12. Louisiana.....1870	28. Texas.....1869
13. Maine.....1869	29. Vermont.....1869
14. Maryland.....1869	30. Virginia.....1869
15. Massachusetts.....1869	31. Wisconsin.....1870
16. Michigan.....1870	

We are without those of Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, and South Carolina. Some of these, however, do not publish every year.

We commence, as usual, with the Grand Chapter of

SCOTLAND.

The Annual Reporter for 1869-70 is to hand. During that year two new Charters to Chapters have been granted, and a Warrant to a Mark Master's Lodge. The two new Chapters are No. 132, Homer, Smyrna; and No. 133, Amity, Queens-town, Cape of Good Hope. The Mark Lodge is No. 23, St. James, Graaf Reinet, Cape of Good Hope.

MAY 21ST, 1869.—The Grand Committee loaned £220 of the Chapter funds upon heritable security at 5 per cent.

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1869.—The Grand Chapter considered a petition and complaint by Companion Jamsityee Fardunjee

against the action of Perseverance Chapter, No. 71, Bombay, in admitting a Companion as a joining member without passing the ballot, he having been in arrears for dues and afterwards paid up in full. The Grand Committee recommended that the petition and complaint be dismissed, as groundless, vexatious and frivolous, and to find the petitioner liable to Perseverance Chapter in the sum of ten rupees in name of expenses, which recommendation was concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

Regarding the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, we extract the following:—

"4TH NOVEMBER, 1869.—(*Committee Meeting.*)—The Grand Scribe E. laid before the meeting a communication from Companion Alexander Keith, Halifax, Nova Scotia, intimating that a Convention of accredited Representatives of various Chapters in that Province had met at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and had unanimously resolved to establish a Grand Chapter for Nova Scotia; that the said Grand Chapter was accordingly formed, a Constitution framed, and Office-Bearers elected; and the Supreme Chapter was called upon to recognize the body thus constituted. There was also laid before the meeting a communication from the St. John's Chapter, Pictou, Nova Scotia, No. 130, setting forth that a delegate from that Chapter attended the Convention in question, but that the Chapter being of opinion that there was no necessity for a Grand Chapter in Nova Scotia, was instructed to, and did, object to the formation of a Grand Chapter. Notwithstanding which, as the communication bears,—'Much to our astonishment, the meeting at once proceeded to form the Grand Chapter, elect and install their Office-Bearers, passed Constitutions, &c.; in fact, everything was arranged and settled by the Union, St. Andrew's Chapters of Halifax, and Hiram Chapter; the latter is held at Goldenville, under Canadian jurisdiction. On the motion being put to form a Grand Chapter, the Delegate from St. John's voted against it. Notwithstanding, the vote was called unanimous, and business proceeded.' There was further submitted a communication from a member of the St. Andrew's Chapter, Halifax, stating that the members of that Chapter were by no means unanimous in their wish to form a Grand Chapter.

From these documents the Committee learned, that in the whole Province of Nova Scotia there are only five Royal Arch Chapters,—one English, one Canadian, and three Scottish. Of these only three, viz., one English, one Canadian, and one Scotch, have taken part in the movement, and that, as regards the last of these, the Chapter is not unanimous. Of the remaining two Chapters, both Scotch, the Union, Yarmouth, has taken no notice

whatever of the application made to it, and the St. John's, Pictou, has positively opposed it. It is, therefore, not consistent with fact, that the formation of a Grand Chapter was unanimously resolved upon, as stated by Companion Keith.

The Committee, taking these facts into consideration, were unanimously of opinion, that to form a Grand Chapter out of three subordinate Chapters, one not being unanimous, is a step not likely to conduce to the welfare of the Royal Arch Degree, and that the Scotch Chapters, remaining true to their allegiance and obligations, ought to be supported by the Supreme Chapter; and it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Supreme Chapter to give no countenance whatever to the self-constituted body in Nova Scotia calling itself a Grand Chapter. Also, that in the meantime the Grand Scribe E. be directed to send an extract of this Minute to all the Scotch Chapters in Nova Scotia, with instructions that the same be read to these Chapters, and also to the Grand Chapters of England and Canada, and to Companion Keith."

At the quarterly meeting, held December 15th, 1869, the Grand Scribe laid before the meeting presents from the Grand Chapters of Canada and Kentucky, consisting of the published proceedings of those Grand Bodies, and the thanks of the Supreme Chapter were voted therefor.

The sum of £20 was voted to an aged Companion. Aid was refused to the London Boys' Masonic School, on the ground that the sons of Scotch Masons were not eligible for admission to that Institution.

The receipts for the year were £380, 0, 0, and the expenses were £275, 0, 0, leaving the balance of £1320, 0, 0, lent out on bond cash in Bank, and in hands of Grand Scribe E.

There are 102 Chapters on the roll, and 11 Mark Lodges.

M. E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie is First Grand Principal; R. E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Second Grand Principal; R. E. Comp. the Hon. Lord Erskine, Third Grand Principal; and R. E. Comp. Lindsay Mackersy, Grand Scribe E.

ALABAMA.

The forty-third annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama was held at the Masonic Hall in the City of Montgomery, on the 7th December, 1869. M. E. Comp. Peleg Brown, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

The statistics for the year are given as follows, viz.:—

Chapters represented, 55 ; members reported, 2,327 ; dues received, \$591.50.

WORK.—Advanced, 155 ; presided, 155 ; received and acknowledged, 149 ; exalted, 148 , affiliated, 41 ; rejected, 13 ; dimitted, 148 : died, 38 ; suspended for unmasonic conduct, 4 ; expelled, 5 ; suspended for non-payment of dues, 135 ; reinstated, 30.

STATE OF THE CHAPTERS.—Chapters square upon the books, 56 ; Chapters delinquent, 10 ; Charters forfeited, 29. Whole number, 95.

The G. H. P. opens his address with an expression of gratification at the general prevailing harmony in the State. He then directs the attention of the Companions to the importance of properly circulating the work, and proceeds as follows, viz. :

“There are evils to be corrected which in my humble judgment can only be done by a correct and uniform dissemination of the work, and that under the immediate patronage of the Grand Chapter. We are apparently in a progressive age, our whole country is flooded with what is termed Masonic literature, and much of it I am sorry to say is useless trash, and which I fear is doing more to demoralize and destroy the harmony and usefulness of our beloved Order than all things else put together ; and what is still worse, much of this trash is found upon the shelves and vended by those who profess to be Masons. Such things may serve for the time to tickle the fancy and satisfy the curiosity, but in the end will kill, and lead their patrons into a Babel or the condition of the Lost Tribes, where they will be totally unable to make themselves known or to trace their genealogy.”

He decided that an officer cannot resign, and that an office is vacated only by removal from the jurisdiction or by death.

Also that the Chapter must be opened before work in the subordinate degrees; and also that a Companion can be elected High Priest without previous service as King or Scribe. The first of these decisions we agree with, but the other two are opposed to the ruling and practice in our jurisdiction.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we find the receipts were \$1,295.50, and the balance on hand, \$673.15.

The annual dues were increased from twenty-five cents to fifty cents, and new jewels, collars and swords were ordered to be procured for the Grand Officers.

The interchange of representatives between the several Grand Chapters was recognized and adopted.

The excellent report on correspondence is, as usual, by R. E. Comp. Palmer J. Pillans, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including Canada, for 1869. He asks for further information regarding our officers, and to a request preferred in such a courteous manner, there can be but one reply. Here we are. Our presiding officer represents "Zerubabel, the Prince of the People;" the second, "Haggai, the Prophet;" and the third, "Jeshua, the son of Josedech, the High Priest." The Scribes E. and N. represent "Ezra" and "Nehemiah," the "selectors and expounders of the Sacred Law, and attendants on the august Sandhedrim." The Principal Sojourner and his two assistants are closely connected with the esoteric portions of our system, and it is principally through their exertions that hidden treasures are fortunately discovered, and that the earnest seekers after truth are enabled to prosecute their researches in the midst of surrounding difficulties. The "Pursuivant" guards the inner, and the "Janitor" the outer entrance, to the Council Chamber. The "Masters of the Veils" have their appropriate situations in the subordinate Chapters, but have no corresponding positions in the Grand Chapter, and are therefore not on the roll of Grand Officers.

By a resolution of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized and cordially welcomed.

M. E. Comp. H. Clay Armstrong was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of California commenced its sixteenth annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on the 5th day of April, 1870. M. E. Comp. John W. Harville, G. H. P., presiding; R. E. Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary; and representatives of twenty-eight chartered Chapters, and two under dispensation.

STATISTICS.—There are 38 Chapters now in existence, and the summary of their returns for term of 18 months shows 370 marked, 365 passed, 353 received, 355 exalted, 43 affiliated, 15 restored, 155 withdrawn, 22 suspended, 5 excluded, 26 died, and 14 rejected: the total membership being 1,782. The receipts during the same period were \$4,270, and the balance on hand, \$116.22.

The G. H. P. presented a brief address. No question was submitted to him of sufficient importance to be reported, which he attributes to the fact that the Constitution and uniform code of By-Laws are well understood and carefully observed. Two new Chapters were constituted. He mentions the death of M. E. Comp. Isaac Davis, P. G. H. P., whose memory will ever be cherished.

The business transacted was chiefly local. A general regulation was adopted that all petitions for exaltation or membership should be signed with the full name of the applicant, and that the returns should show the full names of all members and others on the rolls.

A mourning page is given to the memory of M. E. Comp. Isaac Davis, P. G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, and

the General Grand Chapter, in an interesting manner. Canada for 1868 is noticed, and Nova Scotia is cordially greeted.

M. E. Comp. George T. Grimes was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Lawrence C. Owen was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

We cordially greet this new Grand Chapter, and trust that as the Companions have happily surmounted all their difficulties, they may have a long and prosperous career of usefulness. The organization took place on the 20th January, 1869, under the authority of the General Grand High Priest, at the City of Dover. Four Chapters took part in the formation. A Constitution was adopted. M. E. Comp. D. C. Godwin was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. A. T. A. Torbert, Grand Secretary.

The second annual Convocation was held at Dover, on the nineteenth day of January, 1870: M. E. Comp. D. C. Godwin presiding, and E. Comp. W. F. Godwin acting as Grand Secretary. The four subordinate Chapters were represented.

STATISTICS.—Exaltations, 47; admissions, 1; dimissions, 4; deaths, 1; suspensions, 1. Present membership, 165. Receipts, \$125.00.

The G. H. P., in his address, says:—

“One year ago, around this sacred altar, was organized the Grand Chapter of the State of Delaware. Upon the ruins of the old was then laid the foundation of the new Temple, our aspirations ascending to the Most High that the ‘glory of the latter house might be even greater than that of the former.’ The returns from the several subordinate Chapters exhibit an amount of work that show the Craft have not been idle, and afford much encouragement for the future. * * * I am pleased to add that we have official notice from the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, that we are engrafted upon and are now a constituent part of that body, received, enrolled, and to be recognized as such.

The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of our proceedings for 1869.

M. E. Comp. D. C. Godwin was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. F. Godwin was elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

"All quiet along the Potomac!" We rejoice to learn that the difficulties in this jurisdiction have been happily disposed of, and that peace and harmony again prevail. The Grand Chapter of Maryland has recognized the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and Potomac Chapter, the last difficulty, has accepted a charter from the same Grand Chapter. We heartily congratulate our Companions on this most desirable consummation.

At special Convocations held on the 12th and 29th December, 1868, the work was exemplified in the subordinate degrees and ordered to be disseminated.

At the semi-annual Convocation, held May 10th, 1869, the system of representation at or near sister Grand Bodies was adopted.

The annual Convocation was held in the Central Masonic Hall, Washington, on the 8th November, 1869, and following days. M. E. Comp. B. B. French, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. N. D. Lerner, Grand Secretary, and representatives from six subordinate Chapters.

The work for the past year is thus reported:—7 Chapters, 138 exalted, 4 affiliated, 16 re-instated, 51 withdrawn, 5 died, 17 dropped. Present number of members, 773; increase from previous year, 85. Fees paid, \$684. Total receipts, \$90. Payments, \$709. Leaving due to the Treasurer, \$19.30.

The G. H. P. submitted a brief address.

A resolution was adopted prohibiting the use of substitutes in conferring any of the Degrees of Capitular Masonry.

A very elaborate and interesting report on Correspondence was submitted by E. Comp. John Edwin Mason, covering nearly eighty pages. The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Bodies are reviewed. Canada is kindly noticed, but for what year the report does not say. In reply to our Companion's query, we

we would state that in New Brunswick there are nine Chapters, viz.:—two Canadian, one English, and six Scotch. In Nova Scotia there are four Chapters, viz., one Canadian, one English, and two Scotch, three of which took part in the formation of the Grand Chapter for that Province on the 14th October, 1869.

Regarding the General Grand Chapter, Comp. Mason says:—

“This makes the chain of States on the seaboard, from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, a unit against the General Grand Chapter of the United States, except South Carolina. The Grand High Priest of Mississippi thought that State had legally seceded, but the Companions of the State think different, and so the matter rests. As we cross the classic Potomac and travel southward, we find our southern sister Grand Chapters all opposed to the General Grand Chapter, or what they call ‘a manufactory of high-sounding titles’ having no power, and virtually no existence, except a spasmodic struggle for life once in three years.

Thus we have Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi Louisiana, and Texas all united in sentiment on this great question. And north of us are the States of Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Kentucky, and Iowa, seceded never to return. The delegates from Massachusetts were instructed, by a *unanimous* vote of their Grand Chapter, to secede at St. Louis, but forgot to do so. Vermont and Indiana secede one year and go back the next, and keep bobbing in and out so often, that nobody pretends now to keep track of them. Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Florida never acknowledged the General Grand Chapter, while all the rest above named have seceded since their organization.”

We also extract his remarks on the Grand Orient of France.

“We acknowledge the receipt of the bulletin of the Grand Orient of France for May and July, 1869. These proceedings contain two hundred and forty closely-printed pages, in the French language, and indicate a degree of prosperity in Masonry in the empire and throughout the French possessions hitherto unknown.

The Catholic influence in France is bitterly opposed to Masonry, from the Royal Family at the Tuilleries to the humblest Parisian rag-picker or rat-catcher. The surveillance of the police and the royal spies came near suspending all meetings a few years ago, and persecuted leading Masons in Paris equal to the days of anti-Masonry in America. But in France, as elsewhere, Masonry flourishes best when persecuted.

There are three hundred and twenty-four Lodges and Chapters in France and throughout the French possessions. France has several Lodges under charter at Vienna and Constantinople; quite a number in the Holy Land, Algiers, Egypt, and North and South America. The sun never sets on the territory under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Orient charters Lodges and Chapters in any part of the earth, where Grand Lodges or Chapters exist already, with the same *sans froufrou* that they would were none existing there. This the Grand Orient does *sans peur et sans reproche*. We believe the Grand Orient of France has chartered Lodges and Chapters in New Orleans, against the protest of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of Louisiana, into which expelled Masons have been received, and honored.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

A special Convocation was held on November 25th, 1869, to receive a communication from the Grand Chapter of Maryland, recognizing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. (The resolutions will be found *in extenso* in our notice of Maryland.) It was resolved that the communication should be received, and printed with the proceedings, and the Grand Chapter of Maryland be placed on the list of corresponding Grand Bodies.

At a resumed Convocation, held November 30th, 1869, a communication from Potomac Chapter, No. 8, was received, desiring to resume fraternal relations, and was answered in a like spirit.

At a special Convocation held January 5th, 1870, a petition from Potomac Chapter was presented, asking for a charter, which was granted. Subsequently the Grand High Priest, with the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, and a large number of Companions, visited Potomac Chapter and presented the charter, and thus ended the controversy arising out of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. May their present peace and prosperity continue.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter of Florida convened at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on the 11th day of January, 1869, it being the twenty-second annual convocation. The Grand Scribe R. E. Comp. M. M. P. Huchingson presided as G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., acted as Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—16 Chapters return 45 exaltations, 2 admissions, 3 re-instated, 24 withdrawn, and 492 members. Dues, \$537. Receipts by Grand Treasurer, \$446. Balance on hand, \$516.

The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. James Ellenwood, subsequently appeared, and delivered a brief address, from which we quote the following:—

“The eyes of the world are ever open, and our actions are watched. We should be cautious how we conduct ourselves so as not to bring reproach upon our beloved Order. We should keep in remembrance that we have taken upon ourselves vows which should ever remind us of our duty to God and to each other. We should ever remember that although man may not know and see all our acts, yet that All-Seeing Eye, whom the Sun and Moon obey, watches and knows all that we do, and will reward us according to our works. We should, therefore, endeavor to Square our lives so as to be enabled to present to the Grand Overseer such work as will be accepted.”

The following preamble and resolution with reference to the Grand Chapter was adopted, viz.:—

“WHEREAS, The General Grand Chapter of the United States, waiving all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of this Grand Chapter, thereby admitting the regularity of the same, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to become a constituent member thereof; therefore—

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true Masonic spirit, and will hereafter bear allegiance and support to the said General Grand Chapter.”

A resolution was passed (which is quoted below) which presents a new feature to us—that of a certificate of withdrawal being granted to the *Grand Chapter*. We suppose they have

what are called permanent, or life members, and that those life members are not necessarily members of a private Chapter, otherwise they would, as with us, obtain their certificates of withdrawal from the subordinate Chapter to which they belong. The resolution is—

“WHEREAS, P. G. H. P., D. P. Holland, owing to his change of residence to the city of Savannah, Ga., desires to withdraw from this Grand Chapter; therefore be it—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary give to P. G. H. P., D. P. Holland a certificate of his withdrawal from the Grand Chapter of Florida.”

We would like to be informed, however, if this certificate would be sufficient to admit Comp. Holland to membership in the *Grand Chapter of Georgia*.

The G. H. P. was authorized to ask the General G. H. P. for a dispensation to hold the next annual convocation at Jacksonville.

The sum of \$50 each was loaned to two Companions to assist in paying their expenses to and from the Grand Chapter, and the sum of \$25 was voted to assist in the education of the child of a deceased Companion.

A memorial page is dedicated to the late M. E. Comp. Thomas Hayward, P. G. H. P.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. D. C. Dawkins. We copy the opening :—

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally report, that it is an unavoidable matter of sore regret, that we find it impossible to engage in a close review of the printed proceedings of the various Grand Royal Arch Chapters now before us for inspection. But so it is, being personally reduced from affluence to want, like many of our fellow-beings around us, with a house full of loved and loving children to support and educate, under heavy financial encumbrances incurred upon the faith of our former, but now lost fortune, it has been and continues to be necessary for us to use every possible exertion to make even the most retarded onward progress up the ‘rough and rugged’ path of our temporal surroundings. The vain fashion of human pride usually prompts men in low estate to make even fictitious impressions upon the minds of others that they are individuals of

financial importance, that credit and thereby success in business may accrue to them. But when it is known that under the existing circumstances, we have devoted four months of incessant labor in reviewing Grand Lodge proceedings, and that we cannot possibly devote the time requisite for such a review of the Grand Chapter proceedings as would be a self-indication of proper fraternal respect for our beloved Companions in fraternal correspondence with us, we cannot, without doing violence to our own conscience, keep back from them the true reason for our shortcoming. Hence, in delicate confession we have rendered our apology, and will now proceed to acknowledge the reception of all Grand Chapter proceedings in our hands with such brief notices as our limited time will justify."

The report is an excellent one, notwithstanding the difficulties under which the author labored. We hope that ere this our M. E. Comp. has been relieved from his pecuniary embarrassments, and we are glad to notice that the Grand Chapter, in token of appreciation of his exertions, elected him to the highest office in their gift, that of Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Edwd. Bradford, Jr., was elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The twentieth annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was commenced on the 8th day of October, 1869, at Representative Hall in the City of Springfield. M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Number of working chartered Chapters, 138; charters surrendered, 29, 39; charters dormant, 6, 9; members, 1868, 7,044; exalted, 869; admitted, 96; re-instated, 5; total, 8,014. Died, 71; dimitted, 310; expelled, 12; suspended, 40; total, 433. Members, 1869, 7,581; increase, 537. Resident members, 7,042; non-resident members, 539; members of Chapters U. D., 78; total, 7,659.

The able address of the G. H. P. shows that the office is no sinecure in that jurisdiction, the recapitulation of his official acts occupying nearly six pages of closely-printed matter. He reports the Royal Craft in a prosperous and healthy condition. Nineteen new Chapters were constituted, and dispensations were issued to three others. He had appointed a Grand

Lecturer, but revoked the authority for these reasons, viz.:—

“Finding that much complaint was made by the Chapters in regard to the expense of a Grand Lecturer to teach the work, I revoked this authority soon after the published work was ready for distribution, and have since appointed no lecturers, believing them to be an unnecessary and expensive appendage, the published work being in the hands of the several High Priests throughout the jurisdiction, who were thus enabled to constitute themselves as lecturers of their own Chapters, if they desired to do so.”

This is surely an age of improvement, but we do not quite understand that *publication*. It is something new to us.

A number of special dispensations were issued, some to spread the ballot on petitions of brethren rejected by one vote; others to hold elections out of the usual time; and one “to receive and act upon the petitions of sundry Master Masons without regard to time.” We think this last is carrying the dispensing prerogative entirely too far. He is quite sound, however, in his remarks afterwards on the same subject:—

“Another matter which would seem to require some definite action is in regard to the reception of applications, and the time which should elapse before the application should be acted upon and the degrees conferred. It appears that it is the custom with some Chapters to receive petitions, act upon, and confer degrees upon the candidate at the same meeting. While I am free to confess that where the applicant is well known to the members, that this haste would seem to be excusable, yet it is this very haste that is bringing much discredit upon our Chapters by sending out material into the Masonic world, unable to make itself known outside its own parent body; and it is as often the case that the applicant, having lived within the sound of the gavel for years, suddenly conceives the idea of removing to a neighboring jurisdiction, or of visiting his friends at a distance, and the first thing he does is to apply for the degrees, and they must be given him in as great haste as possible, for next week he must be gone.”

He concludes as follows:—

“I bid you go to the work before you with singleness of mind, and determination to raise high the standard of our beloved Institution within this jurisdiction. It will need all our precaution and wisdom to do it successfully. The eyes of the outside world are directed toward us. A faction of antiquated bigots, expelled Masons, fomentors of faction, are again striving to revive the dead past, and to undermine and destroy our glorious and

time-honored Institution, and it becomes us to look well to the interests of the Royal Craft. Let no sentinel be placed upon duty who will sleep at his post. Above all things, let me urge upon you in the presence of our enemies that first of Masonic virtues, silence."

At this convocation the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, retired from office. Comp. Reynolds has been prominently connected with Masonry in Illinois for a long series of years, and his name and fame are well known throughout the length and breadth of the land. We are sure that we speak the sentiments of our Canadian Companions when we say that he has long been admired and loved by us as an earnest and efficient worker and a thorough and enthusiastic Mason. Well has he borne the burden and heat of the day, and is fully entitled to a good reward for his labors. The special committee appointed to devise some suitable token of respect to him, reported the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:—

"That in view of Comp. Reynolds' distinguished and laborious services in this Grand Chapter, for a period extending over seventeen years, and of his great zeal in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry, as evinced in his reports while Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, for that length of time, and of his pecuniary circumstances at his age in life; therefore,

Resolved, By the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, that the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby paid to Comp. H. G. Reynolds, as a slight testimony of our appreciation and regard."

The Committee on Education were continued.

No cases of grievance or appeal came before the Grand Chapter, which speaks well for the order and harmony of the Companions in such a large jurisdiction.

The Committee on Accounts reported the receipts at \$7,693.90, and the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$612.54.

It was resolved that the Committee on Jurisprudence should compile the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter and official decisions, and publish the same with the proceedings.

This plan is worthy of our serious attention, and we hope to see it soon adopted in our own Grand Chapter.

The report on Masonic Correspondence is by Comp. Reynolds, and fully sustains his well-earned reputation as a reporter. Canada for 1868 receives due notice, and extracts are given from the address of the M. E. Grand Z. We sincerely regret that we are likely to lose our valued Companion from the ranks. We quote his concluding remarks. We part in sadness, yet hope we may yet again have the benefit of his long and varied experience.

"This is the seventeenth consecutive report prepared by the chairman of this Committee. How far his discussions with other committees, and his presentations to this Grand Chapter have been satisfactory, is not for him to say. Now and then a painful duty has been performed, but in a general way the duty, though laborious, has been pleasant. This is, in all probability, the last report he will present to this Grand Chapter.

He came to the duties of Grand Secretary in 1851, in the midst of an increasing practice. He can say that his heart and soul were in them. The duties of Masonic positions increased until they became his entire business, and, from working as a Mason, he became a clerical officer from necessity. Devoted as he is to symbolic Masonry, still his fondest and most endearing recollections are connected with his work and associations in Royal Arch Masonry. They will be sacredly cherished while life remains. Now, at the age of fifty-nine, with a large family dependent upon him, he goes forth penniless to make his way as best he can in the world."

M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, the retiring G. H. P., was elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Twenty-fourth annual convocation. The Grand Chapter of Indiana assembled at the Hall of Franklin Chapter, in the City of Franklin, on the 20th day of October, 1869. Present—M. E. Comp. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary; and representatives from 63 Chapters, out of 79 on the roll.

STATISTICS.—Exaltations, 407; re-instated, 6; affiliated, 43; died, 34; dimitted, 87; suspended, 28; expelled, 8; total membership, 3,018; increase over 1868, 155. Receipts, \$4,111.75; payments, \$2,825.97; balance in treasury, \$7,297.49.

The G. H. P. delivered a lengthy and interesting address, which contains much matter that is usually embraced in the reports on correspondence, and which probably accounts for the absence of the usually extended report of that committee. After some opening remarks, he speaks of the present elevated position of Capitular Masonry, and acknowledges the receipt of a number of Grand Chapter proceedings, among which we do not perceive those of Canada. We are assured that they have been regularly sent, so that we are not to blame. He discourses well and fluently on the District of Columbia difficulty, and the Order of High Priesthood. He expresses sympathy for the Past Master's Degree, and believes that the best course to pursue is to let it alone, as "the wisest have not been able to devise any means by which it may be dispensed with in our Chapter organization." He approves of the use of "substitutes," saying:—

"At the first outset in the search of light in the Masonic vineyard, we teach candidates that it is individual merit that is the safe and only passport to promotion; or, in other words, that every tub stands upon its own bottom. But if our system of practice is not correct, he may find to his lasting sorrow and disappointment, that just as he has arrived in sight of the promised land, his permission to enter depends upon the merits or tardy movements, or both, of some person less meritorious than himself, and that he must either level himself down to a lower standard, or level somebody else up even with his merits, or die as did Moses on Pisgah's top, without being permitted to enter and enjoy. If the use of substitutes is a violation of a landmark, that at once ends the question, and it must be abandoned. Not viewing it in that light, but only as a question of expediency, and the existence of Chapters in the rural districts depending upon the practice, I see no good reason for abandoning it; but on the contrary, many for its continuance in our jurisdiction. The reference to 'Ancient Landmarks,' as they regard American Royal Arch Masonry, do not evince a very reliable knowledge of what 'Ancient Landmarks' are."

The next topic is Uniformity of Rituals, and we quote his remarks in full:—

"This subject is not yet entirely divested of its attractions for some of our Masonic writers, but I think it is viewed from a different standpoint and in a more catholic spirit than formerly. There is not that tenacious adherence to crossing t's and dotting i's that was once insisted on. The great and important essentials are carefully preserved and adhered to everywhere; and in them there is a uniformity, so just and perfect, that I doubt whether it can be improved or bettered. When that which is uniform and the same, the world over, is taught, the teacher may wisely and profitably unfold to the student the history, the beauty and importance of Royal Arch Masonry. This would make our meetings more attractive, and always insure a full attendance of members, while a monotonous practice has a strong tendency to discourage members and empty the halls. Let us suppose that the pastor of your church rises every Sabbath in the sacred desk, and in a sepulchral tone, draws out to the congregation, 'Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever,'—the old woman was very sick; racked with pains and parched with fevers; the doctors gave her pills, powders and drops; scorched, blistered and burnt the poor old creature, till death took the case into its own hands, and relieved the old woman from further doctoring, by taking her to the grave—for she was buried—now do you, for a moment, suppose that the first quarter would be ended, before he would be preaching to naked walls and empty benches; and it would become necessary to send out constables, sheriffs, marshals and chiefs of police into the highways, hedges and ditches, with warrants, mandamuses, habeas corpuses, and the power of the country, to compel the attendance of a quorum, in order to transact business. Now let us take the other view of it, and suppose that from his sacred stand, with all the fervor of a pure and heartfelt piety—his lips touched as with a live coal from off the altar—his soul lighted up with the importance of his subject and the value of the souls of his hearers—setting forth with all the pathos and powers of eloquence, the beauties of holiness, the necessity of pure and undefiled religion, and the attractions of heaven dressed in all its most alluring garments, in all varied ways calculated to reach and move every hearer—would the first quarter be ended before it would be necessary to widen rooms or add stories, to make room for and accommodate a constantly increasing congregation?

Just so in Masonry. Let the High Priest of every Chapter not only teach the Rituals necessary to enable the Companion to make himself known and received the world over, but let him unfold the history, beauty and attractions of the Order, in language calculated to strengthen and improve the intellect, to arouse and enlist the energies of the Craft to a faithful discharge of every duty. The Ritualistic teaching will exhibit not only the outer habiliments of the Order, but all the surroundings of its history, symbology and adaptation to the wants of man, the improvement of society, and amelioration of the condition of the human family, is required, if we

would stimulate the enquiring and arouse the desponding. Enforce by precept and example a searching after knowledge, a laudable ambition to excel in every Masonic virtue, and a full appreciation and development of our progression ; for he is not a Mason that is only one outwardly, but he is a Mason that is one inwardly, and initiation is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter or formal ceremonies only."

On the question of the physical qualifications of candidates, he takes the correct ground, and in our opinion, the only secure course to adopt, that one who cannot comply literally with the ceremonies of the degree cannot be admitted. He believes in the territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Chapters, and informs us that in their jurisdiction an officer *can* resign his office. He holds that the judgment of a competent court is binding till reversed by a court possessing the power of reversal, and that the same rule obtains in Masonic jurisprudence. He sustains "the Monroe doctrines" in the case of Louisiana against the Grand Orient of France, that the integrity of their jurisdiction should be maintained. Tables are appended showing the condition of sister Grand Chapters. He reports peace, harmony and prosperity prevailing throughout their jurisdiction, and then proceeds to local business. Four dispensations for new Chapters were issued, and others for elections of officers, and three warrants were resumed.

Two decisions are reported which we cannot approve. 1st. That an actual Past Master need not take the P. M. degree in the Chapter prior to exaltation. The degrees are not the same with us, and even if they were, policy would dictate that they should be kept altogether distinct from each other in the different bodies of Lodge and Chapter. 2nd. That where a Companion has been suspended for non-payment of dues by his *Lodge*, and pays up those dues, and thereby is restored to good standing in his Lodge, he is *not* thereby restored to membership in his Chapter, from which he was suspended only by the action of the Lodge. The reason given is that there is no law of the Grand Chapter providing for such restoration. We think there should be one made as soon as possible.

The jewel of a Past Grand High Priest was presented to M. E. Comp. William Hacker.

The surplus funds of the Grand Chapter were ordered to be loaned to the Grand Lodge of Indiana at an annual interest of not less than seven and three-tenths per cent.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised to \$500.

The mileage and *per diem* expenses of the Grand Officers and Representatives amounted to \$1,242.80.

We also notice that the delegates and visitors to the Grand Chapter were entertained by the brethren of Franklin at their houses and hotels free of charge.

Mourning pages are dedicated to the memory of R. E. Comp. Hugh Hanna, Grand King; and Comp. Dr. Philip Mason, Past Grand Master of Indiana.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

IOWA.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the first volume of the Transactions of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, from its organization in 1854 to and including 1867. It comes to our hands through R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary, and we hereby tender the hearty thanks of the Grand Chapter of Canada for the same.

The fifteenth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held at Mount Pleasant, October 20th and 21st, 1869. M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Number of Dispensations issued during the year, 5. Total number of Chapters, 51. Number of Chapters represented in Grand Annual Convocation, 35. Number growing, 40. Number standing still, 5. Number decreasing, 6. Number of exaltations, 380. Total increase, 409. Total de-

crease, 106. Total net increase during year, 303. Income of Grand Chapter during year, \$2,297.00. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$3,415.08. Total membership, 2,124.

The G. H. P. says that "every Chapter in the State has the prescribed work, and with perhaps one exception, is able to work it well." He issued five dispensations for new Chapters, and refused two. He recommends the adorning and beautifying the halls and Chapter Rooms, that they may be more attractive to members and visitors.

With regard to the General Grand Chapter, the following report was adopted, viz.:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows: The following questions have been submitted to us, viz.:

1. The resolution of Comp. Langridge, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa, had at the Grand Annual Convocation of 1860 (*Transactions*, Vol. 1, page 259), whereby this Grand Chapter is 'forever absolved from all connection with' the General Grand Chapter be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and this Grand Chapter restored to its position in said General Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the O. B. of allegiance to the General Grand Chapter be hereafter administered to candidates receiving the Royal Arch degree.

The personal predilections of your Committee are not in this matter to be allowed to sway them in the expression of their opinion on a plain question of law and usage. Therefore, the fact that the General Grand Chapter is a disgrace to the name it bears, because it so persistently 'keeps the word of promise to the ear, and breaks it to the hope,' has not influenced us in the report we now submit.

It must be conceded that the edict of withdrawal passed by this Grand Chapter in 1860 was irregular. To be sure, the General Grand Chapter had emasculated itself by its action of 1859, at Chicago, and had virtually, but not actually, absolved us from our allegiance to that body, still we are free to confess, from a careful examination of the leading aspects of the transaction, that we violated our O. B. in thus acting. That O. B., unfortunately, is so explicit 'that he who runs may read' it. We cannot legislate it away, nor can we, by our own act, say how much or how little of it we will keep and perform. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the resolutions, and cannot forbear to express the hope that the other seceding Grand Chapters will conclude to join us in an attempt, first,

to galvanize the incapable General Grand Body into some semblance of life, or failing that,—which, it seems to us, would require miraculous powers to perform—second, to assist us in procuring a dissolution of the General Grand Body.”

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented M. E. Comp. H. H. Hemenway.

At a banquet given to the Grand Chapter by Henry Chapter, No. 8, the Grand Orator, Comp. E. A. Guilbert, delivered an excellent oration. We regret that we have only space for a short extract:—

“From what has been said, it will be seen that our institution is theoretically, as well as practically, the most ancient that has descended to this present, from the shadowy, but voiceful realms of that by-gone, over which those mysteriarchs, ‘the far generations,’ have wielded the sceptre of reticency, since the fateful moment when first began to—

‘Crash down the precipitous steep of Time
In multitudinous thunders that upstartled
The echoes from their cavernous lairs
In the visionary hills.’

It will also be observed that we maintain that Masonry, the ‘Divine Idea’ of organization, received from the great Hierarchs who lived when Time was young, a knowledge of the various mechanical arts, and of the seven liberal sciences, as well of the true name and the attributes of the Most High. These latter were transmitted through the favored line of Eber to the actors in the stirring scenes which signalized the full inauguration of the Jewish dispensation, when they were committed to the guardianship of written history under the direct supervision of Moses, who, as we know, was deeply learned in the spurious operative Masonry of the Egyptians, and, as our traditions assert, had also been educated in the purer speculative Masonry of the ancient professors of Lux, his teacher being Jethro, the priest of Midian, who was his father-in-law. Like Enoch of old, Moses seems to have been the chosen instrument in spiritualizing and communicating to a peculiar people the science of Lux. Like Enoch, also, Moses had personal converse with the Almighty, and from the One who spake to him from out the ‘bush,’ which on awe-crowned Horeb ‘burned with fire and was not consumed,’ did the Law-Giver receive the sublime name or the ineffable Being—‘who covereth Himself with light, as with a garment, who stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain; who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds His chariots; who walketh upon the wings of the wind.’”

In the volume before us we have two reports on Correspondence, one by Comp. Guilbert for 1868, and the other by Comp. Langridge for 1869, both equally entertaining and instructive. Comp. Langridge reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand bodies, including Canada for 1868. In his opening remarks he says :—

“The Royal Arch appears to be in a prosperous condition, and from every quarter is heard words of cheer. No question of greater importance than that of continuing the existence of the General Grand Chapter causes a ripple of argument, unless it be the Arkansas heresy of the making of Grand Chapters into degree-mills to make unaffiliated Royal Arch Masons, and that of Companion Corson, in claiming that the unanimous consent is not in all cases necessary to admit outsiders.”

M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas held its fifth annual Convocation at the City of Leavenworth on the 19th October, 1869. M. E. Comp. Owen A. Bassett, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary; and representatives from nine subordinates were present.

The returns for the year show 16 Chapters, 5 of which received charters at this Convocation. Admitted, 85; marked, 130; inducted, 123; received and acknowledged, 102; exalted, 85; dimitted, 19; suspended, 2; re-instated, 5; died, 1; rejected, 11. Number of members, 505. Dues received, \$336.50. Total receipts, \$748. Balances on hand, \$484.30.

The G. H. P. reports having issued five dispensations for new Chapters, recounts his official visitations, enlarges upon the well-worn topic—uniformity of work—and closes his address with some excellent advice to the Companions.

Resolutions were passed that the Chapter should always be opened in the R. A. degree, and against the employment of substitutes.

Otherwise the proceedings were local in character.

The Grand Secretary presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters in an able manner. Canada for 1868 is fraternally noticed, and extracts given from the address of the M. E. Grand Z.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Chapter held its annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Louisville, on the 18th October, 1869, and following days. M. E. Comp. Richard G. Hawkins, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. P. Swigert, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—92 Chapters return 3,472 members, 366 exaltations, 39 admitted, 136 dimitted, 68 suspended, 9 expelled, 8 restored, and 37 died. The receipts were \$3,426.50; payments, \$2,846.71; balance on hand, \$1,303.38; total resources, \$11,853.38.

The G. H. P. thus speaks of the state of the Order:—

“The past year has been a quiet one with us—nothing having occurred to mar our tranquility, and the Order in this State is, as far as I can learn, in a prosperous condition. The reports will, I think, show a falling off from last year’s returns; which, I trust, signifies that the Companions have begun to appreciate Capitular Masonry and do not believe that *any and every one* is fitted to become a Companion. Let us be still more careful, and let no petition be acted on without the most thorough scrutiny, and admit none but such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer’s square. While such are our members, we may *expect* to be united.”

He issued three dispensations for new Chapters, and others to confer degrees out of time for good and sufficient reasons.

The Grand Chapter was invited to assist in laying the corner stone of “the Widows’ and Orphans’ Home and Infirmary,”—a State institution—which invitation was accepted.

The amended Constitution, as reported by a special committee, was adopted, and is printed with the proceedings.

Comp. H. A. M. Henderson presents the report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1868 is noticed. We regret that we cannot approve of the peculiar "style" of the author. He is evidently disposed to be witty, but fails lamentably in the attempt, and his flippant fault-findings are, to say the least of them, in bad taste.

M. E. Comp. E. B. Jones was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. P. Swigert was re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana convened on the 15th day of February, 1870, at the Grand Lodge Hall, in the City of New Orleans, it being the twenty-third annual Convocation. M. E. Comp. S. M. Todd, G. H. P., presided, and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., P. D. G. H. P., the Grand Secretary, was also present. Thirteen Chapters were found to be represented.

STATISTICS.—25 Chapters, 1,510 members, 146 marked, 145 passed, 147 received, 143 exalted, 23 affiliated, 30 dimitted, 33 died, 10 dropped, 2 suspended, 7 re-instated, and 6 rejected.

The finance committee reported the balance on hand \$1,732.82, and that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter had been declining for the past three years, and therefore they recommended the adoption of one of two measures, either the re-establishment of a *per capita* tax of \$1 on the members of subordinate Chapters, or the repeal of the mileage and *per diem*, which at this meeting, we observe, amounted to \$741. We think that the latter course would be preferable. We have nothing of that sort here, but in some cases the subordinate Chapters pay the expenses of their representatives, and we believe it should be done in all cases.

The G. H. P. approves of the system of mutual representation with other Grand Chapters.

Regarding the General Grand Chapter, two reports—a majority and minority—were presented, each setting forth their position with strong arguments. The majority report recommending the continuance of adhesion to the General Grand Chapter was finally adopted by a vote by Chapters.

The Constitution was amended in two particulars: 1st, that the Grand Secretary should be notified of all rejections, suspensions and expulsions; 2nd, that a standing committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence should be annually appointed.

A resolution proposed by Comp. Hornor was adopted—"That if a candidate shall allow one year to elapse, after his election, without presenting himself for his degrees, he shall not thereafter receive them, until a new ballot be taken upon his petition, with a favorable result."

A *per capita* tax of fifty cents on the members of subordinate Chapters was ordered to be imposed.

The usual appropriation of \$50 was made to the Grand Lodge.

We have again had great pleasure in perusing the very interesting and readable report on Correspondence by Comp. Joseph P. Hornor, which, we regret to learn, was written under difficulties caused by family afflictions. Canada for 1869 and the proceedings of 26 other Grand Chapters, are reviewed in a masterly manner. The whole report is just our idea of what a report should be. We quote a portion of his remarks on Delaware:—

"Companion Daniel C. Godwin was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion *General* Alfred T. A. Torbert, Grand Secretary.

Now let Brother Scot and Companion Gouley, and all the rest of the 'corps' that make it part of their creed to say: 'From all unmasonic titles, Good Grand Secretaries, deliver us,' pale their ineffectual fires, and let 'thirty-thirds' and 'M. D.'s' reign triumphant. This last new phase, 'General,' beats the 'Flour Inspector' all hollow. Recurring to the profane world for an explanation of what to us Masonically is an hieroglyphic, we are constrained to think that 'Gen.' stands for 'General,' and wonder to what army, or to what species, legal, military, or otherwise, our Companion belongs, with a slight suspicion that it may be 'Horse Marines.' We did think that enough Masonic modesty existed to have spared us this last infliction; it is impossible to make it more ridiculous, however, than to show our brethren how it looks exactly as it appears in the printed proceedings before us—first, in the *signature*:—

'ATTEST: Gen. A. T. A. TORBERT, Grand Secretary.'

And again in the returns of the subordinate Chapter, thus:

'Comp. Gen. ALFRED T. A. TORBERT.....R. A. C.'

Let our other titular dignitaries of Rites and Learned Professions take back seats."

Also another portion on Maine:—

“Comp. Drummond fraternally acknowledges our proceedings of 1869, and reviews them and us at some length. After noticing the re-election of all our officers, he says: ‘The Grand High Priest then installed the other officers, but we find no record of his own installation. How is that, Comp. Hornor?’ There is no difficulty in that at all; the record of his installation will be found in our transactions of 1868, when he was installed ‘until his successor should be elected and installed,’ and a re-installation was not necessary upon his re-election; the same doctrine would have held good as to all the other officers, but for the expressed wish of some companions to see the installation services.

Our opinions on most subjects meet hearty concurrence in the report under review, and we are spoken of in terms that are more than praise, but Comp. Drummond cannot agree with us that an objection without given reason should stop a candidate at any stage of his progress, or that ‘it would be better to keep an old companion than to gain a new one,’ and he asks us to undertake, as a ‘lawyer,’ to controvert his positions. We are compelled to decline; in the first place, as a ‘lawyer’ we have long since ceased laboring for ‘glory,’ and see no retainer here, even in the dim distance; and secondly, the question is one of those that must be decided rather ‘masonically’ than ‘legally.’ In law, all men have the same rights, and a conflict of rights must be settled by legal rules which are calculated to be the same for all men, for all classes, on the broad platform of ‘equality before the law.’ But in the body of the Craft, we hold and lay it down as broadly as we can, that candidates and profanes have no rights when they come in conflict with those who are full members. Is the distinction visible? An amplification of the proposition would make it apply with equal propriety to the question, ‘does an appeal suspend the sentence of a Masonic body?’ which Comp. Drummond differs from us in answering in the affirmative.

Comp. Drummond quotes a verse of Corson’s ‘doggerel’ on us, which is as unkind as it was unexpected of our Maine Companion. (By the by, that word ‘doggerel’ is very inadequate when applied as above, and we have searched the dictionaries in vain to find a more expressive one, but fear the language is deficient. Cannot some of our Companions help us?) However, he extracts the whole of our story about our visit to Corson, which is some retaliation, and then quotes another of Corson’s verses, which we have not seen before, so we cut it out also:

‘And Corson was there, ever brimful of fun,
And conferred the degree—‘number one hundred one,’
That curious degree, whose ‘principal sign,’
Is for the Companions to stand in a line,
And then—without ever a word’s being said—
To look through a glass over each other’s head!’

Our confrere asks of us: 'We wonder if he ever set himself down to it (a report) from a 'sense of duty' with dim visions of printer's devils in the distance?' We are obliged to answer 'yes!' we thought once that such an event could never occur, but it has come upon us now, and we don't like it. Is it any excuse for our shortcomings?"

The Past Master's degree is indispensable in Canada to the attainment of the Royal Arch, as are also the Mark and Most Excellent. The Grand Chapter of England does not recognize the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, but in no case that we are aware of is the Royal Arch conferred upon others than Past Masters. We hope this will set us right on that subject. We congratulate Comp. Hornor on his elevation to the dignity of Grand Scribe. We have the honor to hold the same position here, and can therefore *sympathize* with him. We object to being called a *Kingstonian*. We hail from the far North—Collingwood, on the shores of the great Lake Huron, being our abiding place—where we shall be happy to see Comp. Hornor whenever he desires to be *cooled off*.

M. E. Comp. Hugh Breen was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, *M. D.*, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine assembled in annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Portland, on May 4th, 1869. M. E. Comp. James M. Larrabee, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, and representatives from twenty-nine Chapters, were present.

STATISTICS.—Thirty-two Chapters report \$960.00 received for dues, 345 exaltations, 2,553 members, 46 non-affiliated, 28 rejected, 1 suspended, 45 dimitted, and 24 deceased. Increase of members, 343. The Charity Fund amounts to \$3,080.50. Income of same, \$245.17. Receipts, \$1,155.00. Payments, \$1,218.77. Balance on hand, \$1,001.93.

The annual address of the G. H. P. contains congratulations upon the general prosperity of the Order throughout the State. Two new Chapters had received dispensations, and four others were regularly constituted. Reports were also presented by the Deputy G. H. P., the Grand King and the Grand Scribe.

A resolution was adopted that "candidates who are actual Past Masters must nevertheless take the Past Master's degree in the Chapter," which is as it ought to be. Another resolution prohibits the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree.

Pages are set apart to the memory of two deceased Companions, John Williams, P. G. H. P., and Samuel Fessenden, P. D. G. H. P.

M. E. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond presented his usual entertaining and useful report on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, including ours for 1868, from which he extracts several portions. We quote the conclusion of his remarks, and again acknowledge our indebtedness to him for his valuable statistical table.

"PRESENTATIONS, &c.—We have heretofore questioned the propriety of using Grand Chapter funds for the purpose of making presentations of jewels, etc. We find, however, that over half of the Grand Chapters are accustomed to do it.

SUBSTITUTES.—An examination of the returns shows that the use of substitutes is allowed, or winked at, in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, etc., Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin—*twenty-six* Grand Chapters. They are not allowed in Alabama, Iowa, Michigan and Mississippi. We cannot ascertain whether they are allowed or not in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

But in almost every Grand Chapter, it is admitted that their use is wrong and unmasonic ; still there does not seem to be firmness enough to prevent it. Subordinates, for the mere accommodation of candidates, are allowed to violate the law. Now let us in Maine do one of two things, either adhere strictly to the law, or on our own responsibility strike from the charges and ritual everything in relation to it. Consistency to a decent extent demands the one or the other.

STATISTICS.—We append a table of statistics—the result of considerable labor—yet imperfect.

We had intended to compare the footings with those of several past years: but the tables are so imperfect that we forbear. We cannot, how-

ever, help stating some known results that are perfectly startling to us. More than *three-quarters* of the Royal Arch Masons of the country are of less than *ten years' standing*! And *quite one-half* became so within less than *four years*! In 1860, there were 35,000; in 1865, scarcely 50,000; in 1869, there are 90,000. In Maine, in 1860, there were 600; in 1865, 1,200; in 1869, there are 2,600! Nor is this confined to Royal Arch Masonry: in Maine, some 4,000 Master Masons in 1860 have become more than 14,000 in 1869!

Is this growth *sound*? Is this prosperity *real*? We confess, large as had been our estimate of the increase, we are startled at the figures."

Grand Chapters.	Number of subordinates.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and restorations.	Dismissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Exclusions.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama	70	2,523	177	82	194	4	7	214	56	14
Arkansas (a).....	45	1,310	117	24	82	1	.....	92	29	
California.....	35	1,546	206	52	125	.....	9	26	11	11
Canada.....	20	1,206	195	14	46	.....	26	.....	6	
Connecticut.....	27	3,066	374	12	17	2	1	.....	42	
Delaware.....	4	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
District of Columbia...	5	582	127	12	19	1	.....	32	3	1
Florida (b).....	16	510	94	23	23	2	1	13	8	
Georgia (c).....	52	2,109	151	45	46	1	9	.....	13	12
Illinois.....	132	6,981	1,208	70	232	10	39	.....	60	107
Indiana.....	74	2,863	816	95	223	10	36	.....	36	
Iowa (d).....	46	1,688	330	18	80	1	7	5	9	
Kansas.....	10	351	59	12	16	.....	2	11	4	7
Kentucky.....	87	3,701	457	60	161	3	42	.....	40	31
Louisiana.....	24	1,400	69	18	58	.....	1	11	33	2
Maine.....	31	2,553	345	.....	45	.....	1	.....	24	26
Maryland, &c.....	11	877	107	9	15	1	1	.....	9	5
Massachusetts.....	44	5,005	619	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Michigan.....	65	4,487	735	137	124	15	29	.....	28	124
Minnesota.....	17	.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mississippi.....	72	2,576	105	131	147	3	2	433	54	
Missouri.....	44	2,014	370	81	97	.....	4	.....	13	28
Nebraska (e).....	3	200	59	13	8	1	.....	.....	3	3
New Hampshire.....	13	1,333	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
New Jersey.....	21	1,193	284	1	39	1	9	5	11	
New York.....	156	13,232	2,149	137	282	2	.....	284	148	
North Carolina.....	20	1,048	40	14	25	2	.....	9	14	9
Ohio (f).....	103	5,330	950	80	219	8	41	52	48	7
Oregon.....	5	167	28	4	15	.....	.....	3	.....	
Pennsylvania (g).....	56	3,780	876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Rhode Island.....	9	913	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	24
South Carolina (h).....	29	674	137	17	18	3	19	.....	11	
Tennessee.....	73	3,551	451	37	143	5	12	.....	38	
Texas.....	63	3,173	.....	10	124	3	1	80	119	1
Vermont.....	23	1,382	140	.....	21	.....	2	.....	12	
Virginia (i).....	30	1,507	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	83	20	
Wisconsin (j).....	38	2,271	292	62	119	1	3	.....	22	32
	1,583	87,231	12,550	1,273	2,763	82	304	1,353	936	446

(a.) No returns from thirteen Chapters.

(b.) No returns from three.

(c.) No returns from eight.

(d.) No returns from two.

(e.) For 1867.

(f.) For 1867.

(g.) No returns from eleven.

(h.) No returns from nine.

(i.) No returns from seven.

(j.) No returns from one.

M. E. Comp. Joseph Pearson Gill was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The annual Convocation was held in the City of Baltimore, on the 8th November, 1869. M. E. Comp. Charles H. Ohr, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William A. Wentz, Grand Secretary. Nine Chapters were represented.

STATISTICS.—10 Chapters; 121 exalted; 10 joined; 19 withdrawn; 11 died; 12 dropped; 3 suspended; 3 expelled; 940 members; 4 rejected. Dues, \$623.50; receipts, \$683.67; expenses, \$683.87; balance on deposit, \$690.73.

The Grand Chapter was honored with the presence of several distinguished visitors,—M. E. Comps. James M. Austin, General Grand High Priest; John W. Simons, G. H. P. of New York; and J. F. Houston, G. H. P. of Missouri.

The District of Columbia difficulty was disposed of by the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions, viz.:

“Whereas: Difficulties have heretofore existed between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, arising from the fact that in the view of this Grand Chapter, the amendment to its Constitution necessary to give validity to the release of a portion of its territory, was not lawfully adopted, and

Whereas: In view of the fact of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and by a majority of, if not all the State Grand Chapters, and of the desire of this Grand Chapter to pay due respect to the judgments of the General Grand Chapter, and the wishes of the several State Grand Chapters, and to cultivate amicable and fraternal relations with all its peers, as well as to promote the harmony and unity of Royal Arch Masonry, notwithstanding the belief of its membership that its just rights in the premises have been overlooked, does hereby.

Resolve, 1. That the Grand Constitution be amended by striking therefrom so much as relates to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter over the territory of the District of Columbia.

Resolved, 2. That this Grand Chapter does hereby waive and relinquish its jurisdictional rights over the District of Columbia so long as it remains

the seat of the National Government, and also does hereby recognize the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Resolved, 3. That henceforth the title of this Grand Chapter shall be the 'Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Maryland.'

Resolved, 4. That all resolutions heretofore passed by this Grand Chapter inconsistent with these resolutions be, and the same are hereby repealed."

These resolutions breathe a true Masonic spirit, and prove that the Companions of Maryland are actuated by a sincere desire to further the welfare and interests of the Royal Craft.

A committee was appointed to revise the work, and also to consider the propriety of separating the Council Degrees from Chapter work.

A number of representatives near other Grand Chapters were appointed.

Comp. E. L. Stevens presented an extensive and elaborate report on the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters. Canada for 1868 receives a very favorable notice, and our remarks are fairly criticised. We still hold to our opinions as to the effect of the reversal of the decision of a private Chapter by the Grand Chapter. Comp. Stevens says—

"In a word, we believe the superior body has no more right to place an offending member back in the body from which after a fair and impartial trial he has been excluded, than it has to change the character of the ballot of one of its subordinates, and decide who shall, or who shall not receive the degrees."

We may explain that the gist of our previous argument is contained in the expression that the decision appealed from was *wrong*. But the case put by Comp. Stevens—that of "a fair and impartial trial, &c."—is of a different nature, and here we agree with him, and are of the opinion that where a Companion has been *rightly* suspended by his Chapter, although the Grand Chapter, while acknowledging his offence, may, in the exercise of its *merciful* prerogatives, restore him to good standing in the Craft, it cannot restore him to membership in his Chapter.

We also said that "the right of visitation is inherent to every Mason in good standing," but we did not pretend to deny the right of any member to exclude a visitor. We spoke in the abstract, and in the abstract we were right. The exception only proves the rule. If the admission of a visitor to the private family of a Chapter will destroy the harmony of that family, by all means he should be kept out; but in the absence of any such particular objection, we say that a Companion in good standing has an *inherent* right to visit.

We copy part of the conclusion of this report:—

"We are more than gratified on perusing the proceedings from other jurisdictions at the universal prosperity of the Craft, and the harmony that prevails in all the jurisdictions of the country. Those Grand Chapters that have attempted to throw off their allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, now express a desire to act in harmony with that body, and the most of them have made, or are making preparations to return to their allegiance, North and South, and the indications now are, that at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, there will be present in this city representatives from all the Grand Chapters in the United States, except, perhaps, Pennsylvania. Never, perhaps, in the history of Capitular Masonry, has the Royal Craft been more prosperous and harmonious, or a more fraternal spirit manifested between the various jurisdictions than at the present time. In union and harmony there is strength and influence, and in order that our influence should be felt with still greater power, and our prosperity made more perfect, all obstacles in the way of the *complete* union of the Craft should be removed, and every discordant instrument attuned to perfect harmony. * * * Companions, the olive branch is extended to us on all hands, we are urged by the united voice of the Craft to forget the past, to make concessions for the sake of harmony, and accept the proffered symbol of peace in a true Masonic spirit, and thereby secure a union of interest, a union and concert of action throughout our entire ranks, a united harmonious body of the Royal Craft, now 90,000 strong, among whom no jarring element of discord shall be heard, whose motto shall be peace and good-will to man, and whose united efforts in works of charity and love shall forever put to silence the cavilings and clamors of our enemies."

A memorial page is dedicated to the late R. E. Comp. George W. Haller, P. D. G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The volume before us contains the proceedings from March, 1869, to December, 1869. Stated convocations were held March 9th, June 8th, and September 7th, at which much local business was transacted. We also notice that the appointment of representatives to other State Grand Chapters was not deemed advisable.

The annual convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 7th December, 1869. M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary, were present, as also the representatives of twenty-eight subordinate Chapters.

STATISTICS.—36 Chapters, 5,247 members, 519 exaltations, 140 dimissions, 6 suspensions, and 38 deaths. Receipts, \$4,910.96; payments, \$4,046.86; balance on hand, \$2,033.06; the property of the Grand Chapter amounts to \$6,333.06.

From the able address of the G. H. P. we make the following extract:—

“On the 29th of September, I had the honor, by invitation of its committee, of attending the centennial anniversary of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter. This anniversary makes an important period in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, and also in the country, and for this reason I speak of it. As this was the first Chapter organized in this State, or in the United States, it may be considered as the parent of this branch of the Masonic order in this country, and now, after a full century of honorable existence, its head hoary with the winters of a hundred years, with its children numbered by hundreds, it appears as fresh and vigorous as the youngest of the sisterhood of Chapters. All honor to her and her eventful history. Its roll of membership bears the names of many of the brightest ornaments of our Fraternity, and of our noble old Commonwealth. Such names as Gen. Joseph Warren, Col. Paul Revere, and many others that might be mentioned, are an honor to any institution, and the long list of worthies, eminent in State and Nation, as well as in Masonry, is one upon which the members of this Chapter may well look with justifiable satisfaction and pride. This celebration, in its inception, arrangement, and carrying out, was, without exception, the most complete and successful in which I have ever participated, and reflects much credit upon the committee who had it in charge, and upon its High Priest, your present Deputy Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. A. F. Chapman.”

The report on correspondence is by Comp. John W. Dadmun, and is an able and comprehensive document, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters. Canada for 1869 receives a very kind notice, and several extracts are given. The remarks on Tennessee as to the use of substitutes appear of sufficient importance to be copied in full.

"The above furnishes us a good opportunity to ask a few questions in regard to the opposition which has sprung up within four or five years in a minority of our Grand Chapters, to employing substitutes in the R. A. degree. Are we not in danger of becoming a little more 'nice than wise' on this subject? The committee of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee say, 'the practice of substituting has always been in vogue in this Grand jurisdiction till within the past few years, and under such practice the cause of R. A. Masonry prospered.' We want to say in behalf of Massachusetts that substitution is an *old landmark*—as old as R. A. Masonry in this country. It has been practiced in St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter from its commencement, in 1769, to the present time. The practice of a *hundred years* gives it the sanctity of an *old Masonic landmark*. The fact is, this opposition to substitution is a *new* notion, but not a '*Boston* notion.'

But it is said the practice of employing substitutes is a violation of the charges and obligation. We admit that it is a violation of the strict *letter* of them, but not the *spirit* of either. The companion who becomes a substitute consents to be re-exalted; and many times it is done for the express purpose of becoming posted in the work of the degree. Now, if we carry out the '*spirit* of the law' in this practice, we may argue its importance on the ground of *convenience*,—not so much the convenience of the candidate as that of the Chapter. During the anti-Masonic excitement, St. Andrew's Chapter had to employ substitutes or do no work, because there were not candidates enough in a whole year to meet the *letter* of the requirement. When General Joseph Warren, of revolutionary memory, received his R. A. degree in St. Andrew's Chapter, he was the only real candidate. To obtain one or two candidates a year, at that time, was doing well. In the country it often facilitates the work to be permitted to use substitutes, especially where they have only four or five candidates in a year. It is better for the Chapters to work but *one* real candidate at a time than to do no work at all,—there is more inspiration in it than in the dry rehearsal of the lectures. Then why this 'tenacity' in opposition to the practice of the fathers in Masonry? Have our companions discovered any *new* light? Is the cause of R. A. Masonry retrograding? Let the glorious tidings from the Royal Craft in all parts of the world answer."

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-first annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was opened at Masonic Hall, in Detroit, on the 10th day of January, 1870. M. E. Comp. William L. Webber, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—68 Chapters, 4,995 members, 475 exalted, 87 rejected, 84 admitted, 46 suspended, 115 dimitted, 6 expelled, 34 died. Dues, \$3,523.50; receipts, \$3,517.50; balance on hand, \$1,007.89.

The G. H. P. reports eight Chapters having been constituted, and one dispensation granted; also several special dispensations; he recounts his official decisions, one of which is to the effect that objection made after a clear ballot by a Companion who was not present at the election shall operate as a rejection.

A resolution was adopted "That this Grand Chapter has no power or authority to enact a code of By-Laws for the government of subordinate Chapters."

The committee on the representative system reported against its adoption by the Grand Chapter.

It was also decided that Chapters under dispensation were not liable to the Grand Chapter for dues for membership.

The Grand Secretary reviews in an able manner the transactions of twenty-three Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1869, from which a number of extracts are made. In speaking of Iowa, he says:—

"The Grand Chapter decided that a M. M. M. made in England must first be 'formally healed,' before being 'eligible to the balance of the Chapter Degrees' in Iowa, and give as a reason, that 'independent Mark Lodges are not there recognized.' We ask why not 'recognized?' Suppose he had been made in a Philadelphia Mark Lodge, how then? While we can see a propriety in declining to recognize an English R. A. M. (as he may have no knowledge of the intermediate degrees), we can see no good reason in refusing recognition to an English M. M. M."

In which he is correct.

We also quote the following :—

“The matter of suspension for non-payment of dues seems to be in a very confused state. All possible consequences of non-payment, from a simple request of the defaulter to pay, to an expulsion from Masonry; all possible modes of action, from omitting his name from the roll by the Secretary, to a solemn trial, as in case of the highest crime; all possible modes of restoration, from a simple payment after any lapse of time, to a new petition and an unanimous ballot; and all possible effects of any of these acts in a Lodge upon a Companion in his Chapter, seem at one and the same moment to be in full operation. This is a discredit to Masonry. And since Companion Henry M. Look has just given to the Craft so good a treatise on Masonic Trials, &c., we beg leave to suggest to him to try his hand again and give us a second book, or at least an additional Chapter to the one we have, that will settle this non-payment of dues business for at least the North American Continent.

There still remains a diversity in regard to the use of substitutes, and arguments are still offered to sustain the practice. We cannot find shadow of reason to depart from the rule of ‘Neither more nor less than three candidates at one and the same time.’ Let us honestly do this, or undo the whole scheme of Webb and his followers and fall back on the English system.”

M. E. Comp. Charles H. Brown was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The ninth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held at the City of St. Paul, on January 12th, 1870. M. E. Comp. W. W. Getchell, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Chapters, numbering 17, were represented.

The exaltations are reported at 144, but no other figures are given. Receipts, \$267.00; payments, \$715.00; balance in treasury, \$407.05.

The business transacted was chiefly local. No new Chapter were opened during the year.

A good report on correspondence was presented by Comp. A. T. C. Pierson. Our proceedings for 1869 are kindly noticed

We extract the following:—

“When receiving our first Masonic instruction, we were strongly impressed with the lesson taught by the Masonic slipper; in this progressive age but little attention is paid to it. The idea of independence appears to permeate organizations as well as individuals; constant efforts are being made to change the old order of things; rituals must be fixed up to suit the fancy of the merest tyro in Masonry; this word is not sufficiently expressive, and that is obsolete; you must not say ‘oblong square,’ but ‘parallelogram,’ and then for fear that the new fixings might be forgotten, they are printed and circulated. One just made, gets a copy, after a few hours application; he knows all about the Institution, and must have the ‘highest seat in the synagogue;’ history, customs, usages, symbolism, and even written laws, must all give way to the new fixings—to the parrot prattle learned from the printed ritual by this new beginner.

But a few days since, an officer of both Lodge and Chapter—one well booked up in rituals—asked us if O. B.’s were binding—if they were supposed to govern or have any effect upon one’s action outside of the Lodge room.

Everywhere we hear of a restlessness under authority, cases of *emergency* reported, or a bold face put on and authority denied.

Anything that conflicts with notions, interest or ambition, is *not right*; success is the great leading idea; *it* must be had; the fence is zig-zag in one place, thrown down in another, and by the use of new rails built higher in another.

We believe in progress, but not that progress that would interfere with the *old* order of things. We have a high veneration for our parents; should they in their old age become childish, we would cherish them for the care of our youth, and remember the maxims given for our guidance before age had come upon them, and not because they are old, regard their former lessons as obsolete.”

M. E. Comp. E. D. B. Porter was elected G. H. P., and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

MISSISSIPPI.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the first volume of a reprint of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, which contains the organization in 1846, and the several annual Conventions until 1855. It forms a valuable addition to our library.

The twenty-second annual Convocation commenced at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Jackson, on the 20th of January, 1870. Owing to the death of the G. H. P., M. E. Comp. George D. Fee, the Deputy G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Robert B. Mayes, had assumed the position. R. E. Comp. Oscar T. Keeler, Grand Secretary, was present, and representatives from a large number of subordinate Chapters.

STATISTICS.—Chapters making returns, 76; exalted, 201; affiliated, 47; re-instated, 131; dimitted, 156; died, 49; suspended, 203; expelled, 4; members, 2,565. Receipts, \$3,257.70; payments, \$3,449.19; balance due to the Grand Treasurer, \$191.48.

The acting G. H. P. delivered an eloquent address, from which we have only space to extract the following:—

“The religious man, of whatever creed, may select Masonry as an instrument with which to do some things which practical religion demands. But Masonry is not Religion. Its religious creed is expressed in a single article of faith, common to all religions; namely, the existence of God; so that it may adopt the language of Pope's Universal Prayer—

‘Father of all, in every age,
In every clime adored,
By saint, by savage and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord.’

With this exception, Masonry has nothing in common with Religion, except works of charity, and while these may educate our youth and ameliorate the condition of our kind, they can never redeem the depraved. Masonry may teach to subdue the passions, but cannot sanctify them. It may lead the erring to reformation, but not to that repentance which needeth not to be repented of. It may throw restraints around a Brother, which will cause his actions to pass the square of Virtue; but it cannot regenerate his nature. Masonry has done, is doing, and long may it continue to do, much good in the world; but hers are ancillary works. She claims for herself no more than to be the humble handmaiden of Religion. And let not her votaries bring her into disrepute by pretensions which are so obviously unfounded. By arrogating to Masonry all that is effected by Religion, we will array against the former all the truly religious, who constitute at present the best element of our fraternity.”

Three new Chapters received Charters.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

A fitting tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the deceased M. E. Comp. George D. Fee, G. H. P. He is eulogized by the Committee with no stinted words of praise. In conclusion, they say :—

“In the death of such men and Masons, even patriotism itself might pause for a moment, while friendship sheds a tear of sorrow upon his grave. Here let all discord die ;

‘But search the land of living men,
Where wilt thou find his like again ?’

We should cherish his recollections for past associations and due self-respect.

‘But there are deeds which should not pass away,
And names that must not wither.’

Of such deeds the life of Companion Fee affords a bright example. It was such fame he made for himself during his life which will be revered by future generations, who will be taught to list with enthusiasm the many virtues he possessed. Our hearts are melted with sorrow because of the thought that he is gone. Could we have stayed the missile of death, he would not have died, but would have tarried with us until we had no longer use for Grand Chapters. We will cherish his memory while we live, as one of our brightest Masonic jewels, and endeavor to teach those who come after us the matchless virtues he exhibited.”

The report on correspondence, by Comp. William S. Patton, is one of the best we have seen. His comments are able and impartial, and we have to thank him for a kind and fraternal notice of ourselves for 1869. We accept (D. V.) his cordial invitation to meet at the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore next year, and look forward to the re-union with joyous anticipations. We would gladly extract the whole of his concluding remarks, but must content ourselves with the *finale* :—

“Masonry alone, by her silent but powerful word, can subdue the passions and keep them in due bounds. It is under her teachings eternal peace sways an undisturbed sceptre, and passion lies a conquered, prostrate victim at her feet. Our building is yet perfect, its walls strong, its pillars upright, its *sanctum sanctorum* unprofaned ; but the Mosque of Omer stands where the master-piece of our ancient brethren stood, and Tyre and her

sister cities exist but in name. Kingdoms and empires have risen, gained glory, and have fallen again into ruin and nothingness; new lands have been discovered and peopled, but amid all this changing scene our glorious and time honored Order has stood firmly, and yet stands, a monument of the otherwise unrelenting past. But think of Jerusalem as she was, and as she is at the present time. *Then* the rising sun gilded the lofty pinnacles of the Temple which, by Divine Command, was erected upon Mount Moriah to the Great I AM, and his setting rays kissed them as he passed down and disappeared beyond the western skies. The Priests swung their censers and chanted the praise of the Most High God, and exhorted the people to holiness to the Lord. The only tangible relic of the glory of the first Temple is our beloved Order. It has stood the test of time, and quietly overcome the efforts of fanaticism to destroy it, and is yet vigorous, although three thousand years have passed since it first assumed shape and comeliness. It now stands, a glorious monument of the past and an ornament of the present."

M. E. Comp. Robert B. Mayes was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Oscar T. Keeler was re-elected Grand Secretary; but we deeply regret to hear that Comp. Keeler died a short time after. He had been Grand Secretary for over seven years. The mourning page to his memory contains the following:—

"A kind, polite, obliging, and efficient Officer. The appreciation by the Craft of his worth and usefulness may be estimated by his uninterrupted continuance in office from his first election till his summons to the Grand Lodge above."

The G. H. P. appointed R. E. Comp. J. L. Power to fill the vacancy caused by his decease.

MISSOURI.

These proceedings are well printed on tinted paper, which adds to the pleasure of perusal.

The twenty-first annual Convocation was held in the Chapter Room of Freemasons' Hall, in the City of St. Louis, on the 6th day of October, 1869. M. E. Comp. Owen Root, Jr., G. H. P., presiding, R. E. Comp. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, and representatives from thirty-six Chapters, present.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 54, including 9 chartered at this Convocation; exalted, 393; admitted, 82; dimitted, 99; died, 18; suspended, 13; re-instated, 6; rejected, 32; members, 2,411. Dues, \$2,887.10; receipts, \$3,305.00; payments, \$2,868.55; balance on hand, \$3,892.96.

The G. H. P. presented an excellent address, embodying principles and thoughts of great moment and deep interest. The opening will well repay careful perusal:—

“We have come hither from widely separated homes, and various walks in life, to consult for the good of our Order, and to renew for ourselves and our Companions, our vows of devotion to the principles and purposes of Royal Arch Masonry.

The days of pilgrimage are not yet over. Though the children of the Abrahamic covenant no longer throng the mountain paths and valley ways of Judea, to worship at the Mount of Vision of the Lord; though cross-bearing myriads no longer by the thousand press to kneel at the sepulchre of Jesus; though saintly shrines, Saxon, and Frank and German, are no more enriched by the votive offerings of pious visitants; yet, even in our day, there are ideas which we revere, and centres of influence to which we turn, to renew our strength and revive our zeal, as pilgrims erst journeyed to hallowed shrines. As we stand here to-day, pilgrims at this central source of our Order, let us not forget the dignity and power and reality of our profession.

History recognizes the power of the great pilgrimages of the past; it has and will recognize the power of our embodied principles—it surely deserves recognition. Masonry, as a teacher, contains the very element essential to civilization. Humanity is not rationality, for the acutest philosophy claims that there can be determined no difference, in kind, between the instinct of the brute and the reason of the man; humanity is not in speech merely, for beasts and birds have language, and tell their fears, and joys, and sorrows, as surely as do we; humanity is not knowing or telling, but the transmission and perpetuation of thought, and knowledge, and speech, which lifts man above the brute; that one generation may know the thoughts, and words, and works of former generations, and, building upon these, may progress to higher thoughts and nobler works—this is civilization. This, Masonry has ever done, handing down lessons of wisdom from one generation to another, and preserving, unimpaired, through the ages, the tenets of instruction. Men may not need her lessons to-day, for the darkness is over, and thought, to-day, is all alive, reaching back to the past, reaching out into the future, but through many an age of ignorance, Masonry

has served to keep bright the wise lessons of former times, and to perpetuate the knowledge of truth.

But there is another phase of our Craft whereon the world day by day bestows more and more of honored recognition.

Masonry recognizes the brotherhood of humanity. Men learn this lesson slowly; through strife and fire and blood the nations are struggling toward it; through narrow hatred and prejudice, through pride of nation, and birth and language, the people are learning it. Science and art have long acknowledged no bounds of country or kin which should shut out a common interest in toil and honor. But to-day the people begin to break down barriers; and the workingmen of France, and England and America, join hands in recognition of a brotherhood unbounded by rivers, or mountains, or seas; untrammelled by language, customs, or birth, judging men as men, by their lives and deeds. Thus, as the World grows in knowledge, it grows in love; the hearts of the people beat more and more in unison as the great heart of humanity.

And what is all this but the lesson which for centuries past our Masonic Order has taught in symbols, and striven to teach in deeds? The world recognizes it too, for literature has adopted our name, and calls this growing brotherhood the 'Masonry of humanity.'

We, as Masons, are doing our share in hastening the time when bonds of truth and love, reverence and faith, shall bind all men. We may well, then, be proud of our profession, and strive to make our lives accord with our Masonic principles. In all my intercourse with the Craft during the past year, I have endeavored to call attention to the inner dignity and force of our rights and vows; to inculcate a charity broader and deeper than any that can be measured in currency, a truth and faith purer and nobler than of mere words or professions, a love and companionship firmer and faster than merely in the Lodge room or in name."

He issued nine dispensations for new Chapters during the year. He is convinced that holding "convocations for instruction, calling together a number of Chapters and giving them the work at once, is neither the most speedy, efficient nor economical mode of procedure," but that "the only, as well as the quickest plan to accomplish this, is a visitation of each Chapter and a thorough instruction of its officers and members." He decided that "making non-payment of dues cause for suspension was allowable, provided due notice and trial were allowed." Also, "that a suspended M. M., no action having been had by the Chapter, was restored to Chapter mem-

bership, when restored and reinstated in the Lodge." Also, "that a Master Mason made in and hailing from an Army Lodge, but exalted in a regular Chapter, could not be recognized as R. A. M. in this State until healed as M. M."

Nothing was presented for consideration by the committee on grievance.

The sum of \$250 was donated to the St. Louis Board of Relief.

The "work" was exemplified, and obedience to it ordered to be enforced, "that no itinerant or unauthorized lecturers interfere with the established work."

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of Priestly H. McBride, Past G. H. P., and Past Grand Master. "The good never die—they but change the mortal for the immortal."

A form of instituting Chapters under dispensation is given in the appendix, as also reports from the Grand Lecturer and his Deputy.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, by the Grand Secretary, and is written with that *vim* and energy that have made Comp. Gouley a power in the Masonic world. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1868. Speaking of the levity sometimes observable in conferring the degrees, he very sensibly says:—

"One thing is certain, that all attempts to make fun out of the Chapter degrees when being conferred, is wrong, and is in violation of all usage and common sense, and we are glad to know that it has been almost entirely squelched out in this jurisdiction by obedience to the law which prohibits it. The High Priest should be held to a strict accountability for the behavior of his members."

He concludes his report as follows:—

"It is a pleasure and it is a grief to come to the last of this pile of proceedings before us. Pleasant, for we can now get 'forty winks' of sleep from other toils; grievous, because we dislike to shake hands with our friends, and say 'good bye.'

In all their reports they bring the glad tidings of great harmony. 'Harmony' among the 'Brotherhood' is a glorious word. It tells of hearts that feel for others' shortcomings, and of spirits which mingle as one soul with the sublime aspirations ascending from a common altar.

In our review we have written with this one impulse of 'Brethren.' If we thought for one moment that we could not write and talk as we pleased among those we love, we would tear this manuscript into shreds, and leave the job of correspondence to somebody who measures words as clerks do tape—by the inch. If our friends enjoy our work, it is all we ask; if they get mad at it, it is not our fault, for we did not intend it; as the joker has it, 'if we have said anything we are sorry for, we are glad of it.'

We have probably been unfortunate in our mental construction, in the fact that nine times out of ten we deal most candidly with those we like best. If this is a fault, our *friends* are the only sufferers, and if they can stand it, we can.

Finally, to one and all, we presume in the name of this Grand Chapter, to extend a hearty and fraternal greeting and welcome to every Royal Arch Mason who may visit our 'tabernacle.' The latch string is always out.

M. E. Comp. John F. Houston was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. George Frank Gouley was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Since the above was written, we have received a copy of the Reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, from its organization in 1846 to 1869, inclusive. The volume is got up in a handsome manner, and well printed, and we have great pleasure in returning to the Grand Secretary and Grand Chapter of Missouri our sincere thanks for the same.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Chapter of New Hampshire only publish their proceedings every two years, and the volume before us contains the transactions of 1868 and 1869.

The annual Convocation in 1868 was held at Concord, June 9th. M. E. Comp. Nathaniel W. Cummer, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, with a full representation of thirteen subordinate Chapters.

STATISTICS.—13 Chapters report 235 exaltations, and 1,333 members. Dues, \$470; receipts, \$735.93; payments, \$428.37; balance on hand, \$1,339.50.

The G. H. P. reports that he granted one dispensation to confer the degrees out of time, it being the only one asked for, and he is "of the opinion that conferring the degrees in cases of 'emergency,' as they are termed, will soon be known among us no more, forever."

A dispensation was issued to one new Chapter.

A Chapter had been dormant for over thirty years, "but now gives promise of being one of the largest in the State."

The following resolutions were adopted, viz.:—

Resolved, That each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be visited at least once in each year, by some member of the Grand Council, who, at such visitation, shall examine its records, by-laws, and mode of working, and shall give such directions and instructions as may be necessary to insure a compliance with the regulations and mode of work and lectures as adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be directed annually to assign to each member of the Grand Council such portion of the Chapters under this jurisdiction, for the purpose contemplated in the foregoing resolution, as shall insure the faithful carrying out of the same."

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

The next annual Convocation was held at Concord on the 8th day of June, 1869. M. E. Comp. Nathaniel W. Cummer, G. H. P., presiding, R. E. Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, and fourteen Chapters represented.

STATISTICS.—16 Chapters report 199 exaltations, and 1,325 members. Dues, \$398.00; receipts, \$523.72; payments, \$575.77; balance on hand, \$1,287.45.

From the address of the G. H. P. we are happy to learn that "the past year has been one of peace, that the Order has continued to increase in strength and numbers, and that no com-

plaint reached him during the year." He then gives an account of his official acts, which include the granting of dispensations to two new Chapters, and six visitations.

Reports were also presented by the Deputy G. H. P., the Grand King and the Grand Scribe, which show the Chapters in a generally prosperous condition.

The report on correspondence is by E. Comp. John J. Bell, from which we infer that Comp. Horace Chase has retired from the ranks, or is taking a "resting spell." The valuable reports of Comp. Chase will long be remembered, yet we are assured that the interests of New Hampshire will not suffer in the hands of his successor, who treats us to a comprehensive summary, covering over eighty pages. He divides the Grand Chapters into three classes: first, those owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, numbering twenty-three; second, those seceded from the General Grand Chapter, numbering eight; and third, independent Grand Chapters, comprising Canada, Florida, Pennsylvania and Virginia. On the subject of "Rites" he takes a bold stand, but one which is far from being indefensible:—

"Some such change may be desirable, but it is not easy to see how it can be done; and it would be much better if the Grand Lodges would resume the control of the Royal Arch degree, of which they were wrongfully deprived, and the whole batch of modern degrees (which includes all but Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, of which the Royal Arch is a part), were sunk in deserved oblivion."

And in another part of the report, speaking of the prohibition of the "Rite of Memphis" by the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, he says:—

"This may be all right, but it seems to the writer of this report, like the pot calling the kettle black. When Grand Lodges see fit to do what they should long since have done, expel every Mason who has anything to do with any Masonic degrees, except E. A., F. C. and M. M., including the R. A. in its original place as part of the M. M., we can see reason and sense in that, but why those who cultivate degrees, the invention of one man, (in this instance Webb), should denounce those who cultivate those in-

vented by another, (in this case Burt or Seymour), we cannot see; superior power may enable them to do it, but why should not Burt make degrees and Rites in Masonry as well as Dermott, or Ramsay, or Webb, or any other man. If, as the Grand High Priest suggested, these men were endeavoring by any system of caucusing to control other Grand Bodies, such as are in your jurisdiction, you may well punish for that, but the patent for making new ancient degrees is not yet issued."

M. E. Comp. Daniel R. Marshall was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Horace Chase was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirteenth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Trenton, on the 8th day of September, 1869. M. E. Comp. Jesse P. Case, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary. Twenty subordinate Chapters were represented.

Twenty-two Chapters report 1,602 members, but no other statistics are given. The receipts were \$1,278.50, and the payments, \$808.25, leaving balance on hand, \$1,391.04.

The G. H. P. made the following decisions during the year:—

"1. It is irregular to expunge from the minutes any motion that has been before the Chapter. Such motion becomes the property of the body, and should not be erased or obliterated.

2. Election of a candidate in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is for the Capitular degrees and membership.

3. A Chapter conferring the degrees on behalf of another Chapter does not affect the membership of the candidate; he is a member of the Chapter that elects him."

Reports were also presented by the Deputy G. H. P., the Grand King and the Grand Scribe, recounting a large number of visitations and other official acts, which prove that the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are well attended to by the Grand Officers. Harmony, prosperity, and a high order of excellence, seem to be the characteristics of nearly all the Chapters.

The report on correspondence is as usual by Comp. Thomas J. Corson, who is by common consent accorded the foremost place among Masonic reporters. His admirable comments are characterized by sound, practical common sense, and his flashes of humor add much to the readableness of the report. This is the only report that contains tidings from *all* the Grand Chapters. "Such a goodly representation, each singing songs of joy and praise, gladdens our hearts and fills us with pleasure supreme, as from every quarter comes the soul-gladdening salutation that with the Royal Craft from East to West, from pole to pole, from sea-bound coast to woodland wilderness, peace, harmony and prosperity reign in our temples." Canada for 1868 is fraternally noticed. We are spoken of as "our brethren over the border—and there is only a geographical line of division between us, for in heart we are united," and he compliments your Committee by several extracts. We had marked a number of passages to copy from this report, but are compelled to content ourselves with parts of the concluding remarks:—

"Some of our fellow-reporters seem to have horrible horripilations because a modicum of praise has been bestowed upon those who have done their duty well and faithfully. They seem to think that it is wicked to admire—or at least sacrilegious to express that admiration—those who perform their duty manfully and thoroughly. Why should we not 'mutually admire' where admiration is deserved? Is not the workman worthy of his hire, and does not the laborer earn his due? Shall we refuse to bestow the pleasant oil of praise when it has been fairly earned? No greater incentive to the performance of duty can be found than the hope of gaining praise and approval. We are told on good authority that if we perform our duties well in this life, we shall hereafter receive the plaudits of angels and the congratulations of redeemed spirits, and shall also receive from the Supreme Judge of Heaven and Earth, whose approval secures eternal life, the blessed welcome, 'Well done, good and faithful servant,'—and for that well doing—mind you, for that performance of duty—we will be bidden to enter into the joy of the Lord. But, (say these Uriah Heeps and Chadbands of Masonic literature, whose reports make as light and pleasant reading as an essay upon the integral and differential calculus, or a dissertation upon Hebrew points,) the dignity of our Order is degraded by the light and trifling manner in which some of these reports are written. Is it so? Now we are probably the chief of sinners in this respect, and yet we do protest that even our reports contain information that is of inestimable value to

our Companions, and which cannot be obtained elsewhere. And we do declare that we labor assiduously to place before our Companions such knowledge as we can procure, and which we know will interest our fellows. But, again, say these snarlers, some of these reporters actually joke and incorporate fun in their reports, whereas we want nothing but facts and figures. Well, for one, we plead guilty to the charge. We believe that there is a time to laugh, and if we can provoke a smile and cause a cheerful cachinnation by our buffoonery, we thereby aid digestion and benefit the mind, as well as warm the heart and expand the lungs. Why, grave and reverend seigniors, whose phylacteries are so fearfully enlarged, know you not that

‘Mirth is the medicine of life,
It cures its ills, it heals its strife,
It gently smooths the brow of care,
And drives away the furrows there.’

Are the magnificent reports of Drummond any the less valuable because he occasionally makes a pleasant joke? Are the reports of Gardner—cold and classical as an iceberg—impaired in value because he will once in a while say a pleasant thing? Are the annual communications of Munger less reliable because, like St. Nicholas,

‘He has a broad face and little round belly,
That shakes, when he laughs, like a bowl full of jelly.’

Why, my dearly beloved specimens of solidified dignity, you are not bound to read the whole of the report. When you dine at a first-class hotel, do you go regularly through the bill of fare, ordering every article *seriatim*, or do you select such as your taste approves? We once heard of a man who became terribly enraged because he found some walnuts in a package of nutmegs which his son had brought from the corner grocery; with his eyes in fine frenzy rolling, he rushed to the store to have the mistake rectified, and found to his utter discomfiture, that the clerk had thrown in the walnuts without decreasing the legitimate quantity of nutmegs. Now, if there are any parts of our reports which you don't like, just don't read them. You may prefer clams and codfish for your dinner, but we like to have a little Charlotte Russe and Blanc Mange by way of dessert.

Thus speaks Comp. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, in his last report to the Grand Commandery of that State, and truer words were never uttered:—

‘Toward the elevation and advancement of our Order, none have labored more faithfully or efficiently than the Committees on Foreign Correspondence of the various States. They form a glorious band of true-hearted knights, with whom we have performed several years of pilgrimage, with

whom we have had many a friendly joust, and from whom we part with unaffected and sincere regret. Year after year we have been grappled to them with hooks of steel ; and although we cease to be an active member, we still claim an honorary position in the great 'Mutual Admiration Society.' The friendships thus formed will be to us an enduring and fragrant memory.'

Therefore, we still exclaim, *Vive la Mutual Admiration Society!* *A bas* Condemnation Cliques! *A bas, a bas* Denunciation Dumbies! * * * *

From every quarter of our beautiful Temple come cheering sounds of peace, plenty and prosperity. The slight jars and discordant sounds which we faintly hear are hardly equal to the ripples caused by the casting of a pebble into the bosom of a peaceful lake.

But let us remember whence comes this great prosperity. Let us offer up our sincere devotions to the Sovereign Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth for the great good which he hath bestowed upon us ; and let us pray that when our mission here below shall have been fulfilled, we may be permitted to pass under that Supreme Royal Arch which shall admit us to joy ineffable and bliss eternal.

May we not all of us be urged to a more faithful performance of duty, and a greater exercise of that sympathy for suffering which causes the great heart of humanity to throb with tumultuous joy, and be incited to more constant deeds of charity, by these lines written by the broad-brimmed, large-brained and warm-hearted Quaker Poet of America :—

'Who, looking backward from his manhood's prime,
Sees not the spectre of his misspent time ?
And, through the shade
Of funeral cypress planted thick behind,
Hears no reproachful whisper on the wind
From his loved dead.

Who bears no trace of Passion's evil force ?
Who shuns thy sting, O terrible Remorse ?
Who does not cast
On the thronged pages of his memory's book,
At times, a sad and half-reluctant look,
Regretful of the past ?

Alas ! the evil which we fain would shun
We do, and leave the wished-for good undone ;
Our strength to-day
Is but to-morrow's weakness, prone to fall ;
Poor, blind, unprofitable servants all
Are we alway.

Yet, who, thus looking backward o'er his years,
 Feels not his eyelids wet with grateful tears,
 If he hath been
 Permitted, weak and sinful as he was,
 To cheer and aid in some ennobling cause,
 His fellow men?

If he hath hidden the outcast, or let in
 A ray of sunshine to the cell of sin,—
 If he hath lent
 Strength to the weak, and, in an hour of need,
 Over the suffering, mindless of his creed
 Or home hath bent—

He hath not lived in vain, and while he gives
 The praise to Him in whom he moves and lives,
 With thankful heart;
 He gazes backward, and with hope before,
 Knowing that from his works he nevermore
 Can henceforth part.' ”

NEW YORK.

The seventy-third annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York commenced at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Albany, on the 1st day of February, 1870. M. E. Comp. John W. Simons, G. H. P., presiding. R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary, and representatives present from one hundred and fifty-four subordinate Chapters.

STATISTICS.—These are very full and carefully compiled, and give us a fair view of the magnitude of the operations of this—the largest Grand Chapter on the Continent—a veritable “triton among minnows.” Chapters, 168; exalted, 2,148; affiliated, 103; restored, 37; dimitted, 429; suspended (unpaid dues), 334; suspended (unmasonic conduct), 5; expelled, 2; died, 133; members, 14,664; rejected, 199. Funds, \$46,883.10; dues to Grand Chapter, \$13,050.50; paid to representatives, \$5,822.89; receipts by Grand Treasurer, \$14,587.52; cash on hand, \$686.46; Grand Chapter funds, stock, bonds, &c., \$14,486.46.

The usual annual address was delivered by the G. H. P. In it he reports having issued twelve dispensations to form new Chapters; calls the attention of the Companions to the necessity

of re-numbering the Chapters; is convinced that their action regarding the Order of High Priesthood was right; recommends further regulations as to the disposal of appeals; recounts his official visitations, and approves of the interchange of representatives. With regard to legislation he remarks:—

“I do not hesitate to say, Companions, that I am a believer in the least possible amount of legislation compatible with an orderly and systematic conduct of our affairs as a Grand Chapter. * * * * The true office of the law is to protect the individual in his just rights, and thus establish the general welfare; to mark the not always distinct boundary line between liberty and license, and to hold the scales of justice in equal poise, rather than to hamper the actions of men by a multitude of petty and annoying enactments, defeating themselves by their very needlessness, and thus aiding to bring all law into contempt. It is none the less true that these considerations are greatly overlooked in all organizations of men, and that there is an evident tendency in all bodies to legislate apparently for the mere sake of legislation, for the exhibition of power, and sometimes without any well defined purpose, and thus it is that the legislative faculty is kept bright by constant use, and that the world is so full of law.

We need rather to cultivate the spirit of harmony in our Chapters and among our Companions, to be not hasty in fault-finding, and patient with the erring; to increase the interest in our meetings by an increase of the spirit of the institution; by greater love toward each other, and greater reverence to the Eternal, without whose blessing all our efforts will be vain and fruitless; to the end that the Companions shall look forward to the convocations of their Chapters, as a traveller in the desert looks to his arrival at some secluded spot where he may rest from his toil and gather new energy for the journey before him; to educate ourselves in the sublime principles of our art, and make our progress manifest in our daily walk and conversation, being assured that for every step of progress thus made, there will be need for one step less in the way of legislation.”

And in conclusion:—

“And now, finally, Companions, let me exhort you, that in whatever we may do at this time, we may earnestly seek to be governed by that spirit of justice and moderation which may be traced in all the past history of this venerable Grand Chapter; to keep intact the trust committed to our hands; that when at last we shall have no more occasion for plumb-line or gavel, and in our ears the sixth hour of the sixth day shall sound for the last time on earth, we may feel that we have borne our share of the heat and burden of the day as becomes true and faithful Craftsmen; and lying us down to rest,

may leave to those who are to come after us, our jurisdiction harmonious, united and filled with enlightened zeal for the integrity and prosperity of the Royal Art."

Warrants were granted to twelve new Chapters.

A resolution was adopted that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be authorized and directed to have all future reports printed prior to the opening of the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, which, we think, is an improvement on the present system, as the members of Grand Chapter will then have an opportunity of criticising and amending the report, if necessary, before it goes forth to the world, and will also be better enabled to judge of the work itself if placed before them in print, before its adoption.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz. :—

"That the practice of refunding a portion of the degree fees to candidates, on excuse of paying expenses or any other cause, is irregular and unlawful, and is hereby forbidden.

That to carry into effect the provisions of section 40 of the Constitution, the following regulation be adopted :

Appeals may be taken from the decision of commissioners, in cases of trial, to the Grand High Priest; who shall have power to hear and determine the same, upon the matters presented in the appeal papers, and not upon any new or additional statements or evidence, subject to a further appeal from his decision to the Grand Chapter.

That the Grand High Priest be and is hereby instructed to appoint and commission some suitable Companions for representatives at the Grand Chapters of Tennessee and Maryland, and at such other Grand Chapters as may be willing to interchange representatives with this Grand Chapter."

The "work" was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer and assistants.

A very beautiful tablet page is set apart to the memory of R. E. and Rev. Comp. Charles H. Platt, Grand Chaplain, who died Feb. 25th, 1869.

The report on correspondence by Comp. Joseph White is an excellent analysis of the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters. Canada for 1869 is noticed in a fraternal manner, and extracts are given from the address of the Grand Z., and from the last report of your Committee.

All the officers were re-elected and re-appointed, a sure proof of their efficiency.

We have also received a pamphlet, very handsomely got up, containing the newspaper accounts of the magnificent Reception of the Grand Chapter of New York by the Royal Arch Masons of Albany. The scene is spoken of as one of "fairly-like splendor," the decorations grand, and the *tout ensemble* one of unsurpassed brilliancy. We have only space for a short extract from the New York *World*:--

"That wonderful order which does not let unfraternal look come to its inner life, allowed us to see the grandeur of its portals, the exquisite carving of its outer work, in the reception given by the Royal Arch Masons of Albany to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State. The great room at Tweddle Hall was brilliant in light and color. Everywhere dressing and wreathing made curves of beauty. The word of welcome was in fire that glowed and shadowed with every breath of the air. The jewels of the higher officials were of rare work and water. There was music, and the disciplined movement of the review, and a delighted and impressed circle of ladies and gentlemen all around. It was another superb page in the more than century old volume of the Masonic Order of this city. After the pageant of the review and the reception, 'on went the dance,' and better secrets than the inmost recesses of the lodge can record were told by bright eyes. Down on it all, the portrait of the grand man who was of Alexandria Lodge looked, and as we saw his face and that of the great manorial proprietor, we thought of the old school of gentlemen, and congratulated Masonry that it had such names in its annals."

NORTH CAROLINA.

The twenty-first annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in St. John's Hall, Wilmington, on the 1st day of December, 1869. Present: M. E. Comp. W. G. Hill, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary, and delegates from ten Chapters.

The returns are not tabulated or summarized in any way, so that we are unable to give any statistics. The Grand Secretary reports receipts from sixteen Chapters, \$284.34; and the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer is given at \$177.97.

The G. H. P., in his address, draws a sorrowful picture of the state of the Craft in the State. He says:—

“It is not my fortunate privilege to tell you of progress in Royal Arch Masonry during the past year. Through all our borders we have felt that apathy, neglect and indifference still overshadowed us; so far from advancing, we have scarcely maintained our position in numbers and effective influence. In some places the light seems to have gone out; in others, all is dimness and uncertainty; and very few seem to have that full, rich life which animated our ancient Companions. We have painfully felt this condition for the last few years, and at each Convocation we have hoped that before the next, the shadows would leave and the morning dawn; but still our prospects are not visibly better than in the past. We are sure, however, that these gloomy days will cease; we know that truth will live through all time, and we have no fear that our fraternity will ever cease to be. I have issued no dispensations for new Chapters, nor have the accessions to our numbers been as great as in former years; but I am pleased to state that so far as I am informed, peace and harmony prevail among our Companions, and both officers and members have striven to regulate their lives and their work according to the constitution and laws of this Grand Chapter. No instance is known to me in which any Companion has intentionally and wilfully departed from the established usages of Masonry. All seem fully inclined to move by the great light, and to be easily controlled by lawful authority. In my opinion our present lack of prosperity may be traced to three distinct causes, viz.: The condition of the country, the question of work, and the spirit of the work.”

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's address relating to work and cypher, reported as follows:—

“That they deprecate and disapprove of the use of cypher, written or printed, and believe it to be an innovation which cannot but work injuriously to the fraternity; they therefore recommend that the use of the same, by Chapters or individuals, be forbidden by this Grand Chapter.”

Which was, after considerable discussion, *indefinitely postponed*. We think it should have been carried unanimously.

Another Committee stated their belief that:—

"Any person who can indulge in thoughtlessness and levity in conferring or hearing those sublime degrees conferred, and the holy principles of Morality and Virtue illustrated and enforced by our beautiful ceremonies and lectures, are certainly not imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, and therefore unworthy the name and privilege of a Royal Arch Mason; and we regret that any such should be found within our sacred Temple, and certainly none such would be found if all our officers knew our work and their duty, and would faithfully execute our laws. Our great light, the Book of the Law, and all our forms and ceremonies inculcate 'Holiness to the Lord,' and solemnly impress upon our minds our duty to God, our country, our neighbor and ourselves. May all our Companions soon learn and reverse these sacred lessons."

An able report on correspondence is presented by Comp. Alfred Martin. Twenty-seven Grand Chapters are reviewed, but we are unable to account for the absence of Canada from the list. Our proceedings are regularly mailed to all. We copy part of his remarks on Arkansas, as good:—

"He says the High Priest of Minnesota decided in favor of allowing a substitute in the Royal Arch Degree, and upon this remarks:—

'We judge that there is a very low grade of proficiency in Capitular Masonry in this State.

Arguing from the same premises we should come to a conclusion directly the reverse. The light obtained by the actual candidate from having passed through the ceremonies with one or two substitutes, cannot be diminished thereby, and if a man can learn anything from having travelled the road once in the dark, he can certainly learn much more who makes frequent journeys in the light, over the same ground. We therefore conclude that our Minnesota Companions have attained a high grade of proficiency, especially the substitutes."

And speaking of the Royal and Select Masters degrees, he says:—

"Comp. Carr cannot answer for himself at this time, but we presume that he meant just this: that two hundred years ago, all that was *known* of Ancient Craft Masonry was communicated to the Master Mason, and that the Royal and Select Master of the present day knows no more of what is really Ancient Craft Masonry than the Masters of that day. We of this country have certainly made most astounding progress in antiquarian

researches, and have exhumed from the buried arches and secret vaults of the old world all that ever pertained to Ancient Craft Masonry, and a great deal more. Do you suppose that our curiosity could be satisfied with anything less? Or that if some of these fossils should be minus a leg, or an arm, or a tail even, that our ingenuity could not supply their deficiency? 'Masonry is a progressive science,' and considering that we have been travelling backwards for so many years in search of the ancient work, we get ahead most surprisingly."

M. E. Comp. William Murdock was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. T. B. Carr, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A Convention of Royal Arch Masons, for the purpose of forming a Grand Chapter for this Province, was held in the Masonic Hall, Halifax.

R. E. Comp. Hon. Alexander Keith, Grand Superintendent under English jurisdiction, was called to the chair.

A resolution was passed forming the Grand Chapter, after which officers were elected as follows:—

M. E. Comp. Hon. Alexander Keith, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. Stephen R. Sircom, Grand King; R. E. Comp. J. Conway Brown, Grand Scribe; R. E. Comp. William Twining, Grand Treasurer; R. E. Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. was installed by R. E. Comp. J. C. Brown, Grand Superintendent under Canadian jurisdiction, after which he installed the other officers, and the usual proclamation was then made.

The work was afterwards exemplified and adopted, it being the same as the United States, modified by the introduction of parts of the lectures of the Canadian ritual.

We heartily welcome our young sister into the family of Grand Chapters, and trust she may have a long and prosperous career of usefulness. We also hope that this action will thoroughly unite all the Craft in our sister Province.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have received the abstract issued by this Grand Chapter, which contains condensed accounts of seven quarterly and two annual convocations, held in 1868 and in 1869.

QUARTERLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1868.—Report of Finance Committee accepted, showing receipts for 1867, \$3,829.69; payments, \$946.75. and invested, \$1,000; balance on hand, \$1,882.94.

The following report was made by the Grand Officers, and, on motion, approved:—

“That the only amendment necessary to the form of ‘Petition to a Mark Lodge’ is to add after the ‘blank,’ following the words ‘held at,’ in the body of the petition, the words ‘that he has passed the chair.’”

From which we infer that none but Past Masters are eligible for the degree of Mark Master.

The G. H. P. decided “that no sojourner of a Mark Lodge can, under the recent amendment of the Constitution, be admitted to membership without having passed the Chair.”

QUARTERLY MEETING, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1868.—Election of Officers. M. E. Comp. George Griscom was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Thomson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION, DECEMBER 28TH, 1868.—The officers previously elected were installed, and the G. H. P. delivered a lengthy address, chiefly taken up with records of Grand visitations, which seem to have been carried out to a large extent, and to have tended greatly to the promotion and strengthening of the Order. We learn from this address that:—

“There are now within our jurisdiction in the State of Pennsylvania sixty-three Chapters, all in working condition, and fulfilling their important functions in peace, harmony and prosperity. The number of members in these Chapters by last report to the Grand Secretary for 1867 was 5,020. There are three Mark Lodges, with a total membership then of 2,807.”

QUARTERLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 4TH.—Receipts for 1868, \$4,544.88; invested in Masonic Loan, \$1,500; other payments, \$3,814.11, (including \$1,021.63 for regalia,); balance on hand, \$1,113.71.

QUARTERLY MEETING, AUGUST 5TH, 1869.—The G. H. P. decided “that in all cases, Chapters must open in the Royal Arch degree before proceeding to work; and after conferring the Mark or Most Excellent degree, the Chapter must be re-opened in the Arch, before closing for the evening.” So that the Mark degree is conferred also in Chapters, and not alone in the Mark Lodges, as some have supposed.

QUARTERLY MEETING, NOVEMBER 4TH, 1869.—Election of Officers. The G. H. P., declining re-election, M. E. Comp. Michael Nisbet was elected G. H. P. R. E. Comp. John Thomson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION, DECEMBER 27TH, 1869.—The retiring G. H. P. delivered his valedictory address, from which we make the following extracts:—

“While always entertaining and cherishing the highest fraternal regard for our Companions in the Royal Art of our sister jurisdictions, and the utmost respect for their systems, and the formula and ceremonies which accompany their rituals and their Chapter work, it is equally incumbent upon us to sustain, by every means in our power, the integrity of the good old system which has been adhered to from the beginning of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, and which has given to our jurisdiction a character for solidity as well as beauty of work which is recognized with respect throughout the Masonic world. * * * * *

Another impediment to the progress of our Order was occasioned by a regulation of the Grand Lodge, by which a personal examination by the District Deputy was made a pre-requisite to the passing of the Chair. This in many cases, necessitated a long journey, and constantly made inconvenience and delay. At my request, the Right Worshipful Grand Master has most kindly and promptly modified that order, and instructed his Deputies that a recommendation from the Master of the Lodge where the applicant belongs shall be sufficient to warrant the passing of an applicant to the Chair. * * * * *

There are now within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and in full communion with this Grand Chapter, sixty-nine subordinate Chapters in full

working condition. The number of Companions in actual membership, as shown by the returns up to St. John's Day, 1868, was 5,553."

Five Chapters were constituted in 1868, and five in 1869.

The newly elected officers were then installed.

A report on correspondence, by Comp. Charles E. Meyer, is printed in the appendix. It is admirably got up, considering the amount of work performed,—most of the proceedings reviewed, of thirty-four Grand Chapters, being for two years, and the balance for three years. We wonder how he ever got through with it. The proceedings of Canada for 1867-8-9 are very kindly noticed, and our last article on Scotland copied in full, as very interesting. With reference to Past Masters, he says:

"The Past Master is another question causing much discussion and legislation. In several Grand Chapters a Past Master by service, or an actual Past Master, is required to 'pass the Chair' a second time in the Chapter. Receiving our Masonic education in this jurisdiction, we believe that the method here is the correct one, and that all 'passing to the Chair' *is* and of *right belongs* to the Grand Lodge. The candidate is a Past Master of a Blue or Symbolic Lodge, and we cannot understand how any Grand Chapter can authorize a Royal Arch Chapter to open and do the work of a Lodge of Master Masons."

With us an *actual* Past Master gets the Chair degree in a Board of Installed Masters. The Past Master's degree given in a Lodge of Past Masters under the Chapter warrant is not the same as the "Chair degree," and must be taken by all candidates for exaltation. We believe that none but those elected to the office of Worshipful Master should be put in possession of the secrets of the "Chair," not even to qualify them to become Royal Arch Masons.

We had nearly overlooked an elaborate table of statistics at the end of this report. The figures are for two years, 1868 and 1869. Sixty-seven Chapters; marked, 740; Most Excellent, 866; exalted, 849; admitted and restored, 63; died or resigned, 199; suspended and expelled, 77; rejected, 38; members, 6,318. The three Mark Lodges return 27 marked and 2,649 members.

RHODE ISLAND.

Special Convocation at the village of Hope Valley, September 20th, 1869, for the purpose of constituting Franklin Chapter.

Special Convocation in the village of Clayville, September 28th, 1869, for the purpose of constituting Scituate Chapter.

Special Convocation at Providence, December 31st, 1869, to attend the funeral of M. E. Comp. William Field, P. G. H. P.

The seventy-second annual Convocation was held at Ionic Hall, Providence, on March 8th, 1870. Present—M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P., presiding; R. E. Comp. George H. Burnham, Grand Secretary, and the representatives of all the subordinate Chapters.

STATISTICS.—Eight Chapters, and one under dispensation; rejections, 29; deaths, 18; exaltations, 161; admitted, 3; expelled, 2; total membership, 1,237. Receipts, \$642.00; expenditures, \$559.13; balance, \$82.87; total assets, \$1,744.12.

The address of the G. H. P. contains congratulations upon the harmony and prosperity existing throughout their jurisdiction. Two Chapters were constituted, and one dispensation issued. A number of official visitations are recorded, one of which was to a Chapter in the village of Westerly, working under the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, although within the State of Rhode Island.

The committee to whom had been referred the proposed amendment to the Constitution, "provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize the Grand High Priest to make Royal Arch Masons at sight," reported in favor of the adoption of the amendment, giving as their opinion that "the prerogative to make Masons at sight belongs exclusively to the Grand Master of Masons." The amendment was then put and *lost*—ayes 6, nays 27.

Mourning pages are dedicated to the memory of William Field, P. G. H. P., and Rev. George Taft, Grand Chaplain.

The report on correspondence is by Comps. E. B. Knight, G. O. Olmstead, and G. H. Burnham, and is a well-digested review of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters. Canada for 1869 receives a kindly notice.

M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. George H. Burnham was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was begun and held at Freemason's Hall, in the City of Nashville, September 29th, 1869. Present—M. E. Comp. William Maxwell, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary, and the representatives of sixty-nine Chapters.

STATISTICS.—Eighty-three Chapters on the roll return:—Exaltations, 424; Admissions, 45; withdrawals, 154; suspensions, 46; expulsions, 5; deaths, 46; total Royal Arch Masons, 3,912.

The G. H. P. presented the usual address. He reports a number of representatives appointed at foreign Grand Chapters, among them—"Canada—T. Douglas Harington." Three new Chapters had received dispensations, which received charters at this Convocation.

The "work" was exemplified and adopted, and three Grand Lecturers appointed.

Four representatives of other Grand Chapters presented their credentials, and were received with appropriate honors. R. E. Comp. George S. Blackie appeared for Scotland, Canada and South Carolina, and addressed the Grand Chapter in befitting terms. In the course of his remarks he said:—

"I congratulate the Companions of Tennessee also, that for the first time in the history of the Royal Craft, American Grand Chapters have been recognized by an august and venerable body in Great Britain, and that South Carolina and Tennessee have been the first recipients of this distinguished honor. I can assure the Companions of the warm admiration

and respect entertained by the Masonic Bodies of Scotland for the Grand Bodies of Tennessee, and congratulate them that their past actions, and firm stand in a right direction, have won for them good opinions and honest admiration in both hemispheres. * * * * *

I have also the honor of appearing before you as the Representative of the sister Grand Chapters of Canada and South Carolina, and desire thus publicly to express my thanks for the distinguished token of esteem thus tendered to me by these bodies, and to convey to you, Companions, the assurance of the high respect and warm brotherly love entertained for you by the M. E., T. Douglas Harington, and M. E., Robert S. Bruns, the Grand High Priests of these respective bodies."

The Grand Secretary received during the year, \$33,985.05. The payments were \$4,367.40. Balance on hand, \$1,496.70.

A page is dedicated to the memory of M. E. Comp. Jonathan Huntingdon, P. G. H. P.

Comp. Blackie presented a very able and interesting report on the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, classifying each department under proper headings. His comments are marked with discretion and sound judgment. We copy his notices of England and Ireland as being the only information we have received regarding those Grand Chapters:—

ENGLAND.

"The Supreme Grand Chapter of England and Wales has its seat in London. The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland is the M. E. Grand Zerubabel; the Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon is Grand Haggai; the M. E. Companion Rev. John Huyshe, Grand Jeshua. There are twenty-three Provinces, with Grand Superintendents over each, in England, and eleven Provinces abroad. The number of active Chapters at the present time is 370, and eight Chapters of Instruction. Of these Chapters, the majority are in England; but there are 5 in Eastern Europe; 3 in China; 23 in the East, and 12 in the West Indies; 16 in Australia; 2 in New Zealand; 7 in America, and 5 in Africa. Three are also attached to Military Corps, not stationary."

IRELAND.

"The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland meets at Dublin quarterly. The chief officers at present are His Grace the Duke of Leinster, King; Sir Edward Borough, High Priest, and John H. Goddard, Chief Scribe. There

are eighty-one active Chapters at present on the rolls, though the numbers run up to 935. The Grand Chapter has a Provincial Grand Chapter at Melbourne, Victoria."

Canada for 1868 is fraternally noticed. He introduces an extract from the M. E. Grand Z.'s address, with these words:—

"Companion Harington concludes with the following outburst of national feeling, to which we, having the honor to hold a commission as his Representative, breathe a cordial 'amen.'"

And his notice of ourselves we must be pardoned for inserting. It's too good to keep. We beseech the Companions to *spare our blushes*:—

"Companion Robertson presents his 'maiden effort' in an excellent report on the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, including ours for 1867. The 'maiden' shows a discretion beyond her years, is fresh in youthful beauty and charming in her virgin modesty, which clothes her with a veil which debars the curious from inquiring into her imperfections."

M. E. Comp. John W. Hughes was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The twentieth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas was held at Gray's Hall, in the City of Houston, on June 14th, 1869. M. E. Comp. J. D. Giddings, G. H. P., presiding; R. E. Comp. R. Brewster, Grand Secretary, and representatives from forty-five subordinate Chapters, during the session.

STATISTICS.—Chapters making returns, 53; markings, 246; passings, 238; receivings, 237; exaltations, 232; affiliations, 62; reinstatements, 30; dimissions, 153; suspensions, 231; expulsions, 8; deaths, 67; total number of members, 3,218; receipts by Grand Treasurer, \$2,321.29; payments, \$2,112.90; balance, \$208.39;—by Grand Secretary, \$3,494.35; payments, \$2,589.75; balance, \$904.60.

The G. H. P. granted four dispensations for new Chapters during the year. He presents a curious case :—

“That of a Companion who has become insane and in arrears for dues which had accrued during that condition, submitting the question, should the unfortunate Companion be suspended in conformity with the strict letter of the By-Laws, or what course should be pursued? Suspension for non-payment of dues is a punishment for the neglect of a known obligation. No judgment or sentence in a court of law, or in the forum of conscience, could be binding against a lunatic. He could be guilty of no wrong after the light of reason had been withdrawn, and does it not follow that the status of such should not be changed during such condition? He may be a husband and father. Again, reason may be restored, and as his mind emerges from this abyss of darkness and death, and the sweet and sacred memories of the past return, may he not long to greet his former Companions? Should any action be taken that would bar the exercise of charity against him or his kindred?”

The Committee on this subject report that :—

“It is one of those cases for which no rule can be laid down, but which can always be easily disposed of by the exercise of practical good sense. The annual remission of the accruing dues of the Chapter is not only its right, but its duty; to suspend an insane Companion during his misfortune would not only be cruel but disgraceful, and a construction of any existing law to justify such action would be forced, and an outrage on Masonic decency.”

From the report of one of the Grand Visitors, we take the following as a sample of the difficulties under which our Texan Companions are laboring :—

“DECATUR, No. 68.—I have been in the vicinity where this Chapter is situated several times during the past Masonic year. They have entirely ceased to work. I am apprehensive that there is not interest enough among the Companions to warrant the hope that they will be able to resume labor for some time to come. The country has been invaded, hitherto, until of late, by hostile Indians, almost every light moon since the war. Many of the Companions are entirely broken up. During the past year the Indians have driven off not less than fifteen hundred horses from the county, killed over two hundred and murdered ten of the inhabitants. Three-fourths of the inhabitants had abandoned the country at the time of my last visit.”

A resolution was adopted—“That any subordinate Chapter hereafter using substitutes during the ceremonies of the Royal

Arch Degree shall thereby forfeit its Charter,"—rather a severe punishment.

The report on correspondence is by Comps. P. C. Tucker, W. B. Botts and R. Brewster, and is a very good analysis of the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1868. From their remarks on Connecticut we take the following:—

"Some of our Companions annually come by way of Red River, the Mississippi, and Gulf of Mexico—a distance of fifteen hundred miles—to attend the Convocation of this Grand body; others have to occupy from ten to fourteen days in reaching Houston, devote a week to the duties of the Convocation, start for home by rail, which they soon leave for the saddle, and then another ten days are necessarily occupied in reaching home; in other words, a month is devoted to the duty of representing the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. Can any other State show Companions as zealous and self-sacrificing? We think not."

M. E. Comp. W. G. Veal was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. R. Brewster, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Burlington, on June 11th, 1869. Present: M. E. Comp. Charles A. Miles, G. H. P., R. E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary, and the officers and proxies of all the subordinate Chapters.

From the address of the G. H. P. we learn that:—

"By a resolution passed at our last regular Convocation, we decided to permanently establish the Grand Chapter at this place, and that we would change our time of assembling to the present month. Thus but half the usual period has elapsed between our meetings, which have heretofore been annual. This would account in part for the scarcity of events of importance that have occurred in the interval. Since October, I have received no applications for dispensations to form new Chapters—nor could we reasonably expect that such a demand would be made, as so many of the bodies have been so recently organized. There are now in Vermont, twenty-three chartered Chapters, of which nine have been constituted within the last

two years. According to the last annual report these have a membership of thirteen hundred and eighty-four Royal Arch Masons. This does not of course include those who have been exalted since last October."

The Grand Treasurer's account shows the receipts to have been \$505.25, and the payments, \$490.60; balance cash, \$1,207.90; bonds, \$400.00.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Joshua Britton, and gives a concise *resume* of the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, ours for 1868 being among the number. We are sure the companions of Vermont will much regret the departure of Comp. Britton, who is about to remove to Wisconsin, but we hope soon to hear from him again in his capacity of reporter.

The same officers are continued, there being no election, consequent, we suppose, on the change in the time of meeting.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Chapter held its annual Convocation in the Mason's Hall, in the City of Richmond, December 16th, 1869. Present: M. E. Comp. Edward H. Lane, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary; and the representatives of thirty-one Chapters.

The returns from the subordinate Chapters are not summarized. Thirty Chapters paid dues amounting to \$903.50. The Grand Treasurer received during the year, \$1,342.56, and paid out \$1,143.59, leaving balance in his hands, \$198.97.

No address appears from the G. H. P.

Charters were granted to four new Chapters, one dispensation issued, and one Chapter continued under dispensation.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"That a candidate for the degrees conferred by and in a Chapter should possess the same physical qualifications as are required by the Landmarks of Masonry, as understood and explained by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in regard to the application of a profane."

The Grand Council were authorized to commission Representatives to sister Grand Chapters.

Five Companions were appointed custodians of the work, which was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer and assistants.

A testimonial was ordered to be presented to R. E. Comp. Thomas U. Dudley, who has served the Grand Chapter faithfully as Treasurer for the past seventeen years.

We are glad to observe that our Virginia Companions have at last awakened to a realizing sense of their position as members of one common family. Quite an extensive report (for *them*) on correspondence is submitted by Comp. W. B. Isaacs. The proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1869, are acknowledged. In opening he says :—

“It has afforded us pleasure to read these voluminous reports. They cover subjects which, as a general thing, are of little interest to us *locally*. We do not regret to witness the amount of labor, nor have we the right to complain (we wouldn't if we had) that it has been expended in their preparation. Some of them are dignified, some witty, some ‘curley ;’ in some, imagination has evidently had full sway in prose and poetry, all redolent with eloquence, and in almost all the courtesies and amenities of every-day life are observed ; indeed, we are not aware of having perused a work on the beauties of Masonry which has pleased and gratified us more. To review them in detail, or cull from them all that we could commend or censure, would involve a more voluminous report than your Committee has had opportunity to prepare or the fraternity in Virginia would feel interested in, or, from your often expressed views on the subject, could we expect *you to tolerate*. We are gratified to be able to make one general remark on the prosperity of the Order, and the harmony which prevails, nearly, throughout the broad limits of our land.”

A number of decisions on Masonic Law are noticed from different jurisdictions, and in justice to them, we quote the explanation of their previous brief report, and the concluding remarks :—

“It is due to ourself, as well as to our sister Grand Chapters, that we should explain a misapprehension of the intention of a part of our record of proceedings of last year. To us it is self-evident, but our fellow-laborers in this exacting branch of the Masonic vineyard do not so ‘see it,’ and hence

have taken, we assure them, needless offence, and subjected us to unnecessary criticism. On page 9, proceedings '68, will be found the following: 'The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a *verbal report*, which was accepted;' and the word 'approved' might have been added thereto. We are not so callous nor indifferent to the good opinion, nor are we prepared to surrender, without a struggle, the affections of our Companions abroad, as to answer their comments with one broad and comprehensive sentence—'If this Grand Chapter was satisfied with our report, they should have no right to censure'—for that would be an act of discourtesy foreign to our nature, and one of which we would not, *under any circumstances*, allow ourself to be guilty. We take it for granted the 'reportorial corps' did not see that part of our record, otherwise they would have detected the error—from which none are exempt; but, jumping over to page 19, they find the heretical language, to wit: 'After a careful perusal of all these documents' (being the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Bodies), 'we find *nothing requiring especial notice*.' You are all familiar with the circumstances, and satisfied with the reasons, which *compelled* us to make a verbal report last year. How that subsequent report became a part of the proceedings, this deponent saith not; but there it is, and we assume its paternity, with all the responsibilities attached. We did not see it until the proceedings were distributed in pamphlet form. We presume 'the documents' were carefully read (not by us), and the language of the report would at least bear the charitable construction, 'There was nothing in them requiring the special attention or *action of this Grand Chapter*;' and such, we assure our Companions, in all sincerity, would have been the *intention* of that report had it passed through in regular course: We regard our duties as limited, and our sphere as restricted to matters of fact, and not of fancy. We would, therefore, depart widely from the rulings of this Grand Chapter were we to extract from or reproduce in our report 'the business-like address,' 'the witty sayings,' or the 'eloquent tribute'—you can't go amiss for any or all of them—of this or that distinguished Companion. We are to give you a plain and unvarnished statement of events affecting the interest of this Grand Body, as they present themselves in the proceedings under review. To this we have confined ourself as closely as circumstances would permit.

With these comments we close our explanation, and hope the gentlemanly courtesy and warm fraternal regard which have always characterized the members of the 'Mutual Admiration Society'—for which we are knocking, and will not 'stop that knocking at the door' until it opens for our admission—will promptly acquit us of any intention to shrink from any duty which may be imposed on us, and *more particularly* of a purpose to offer insult or indignity to the Grand Chapters which they so ably and eloquently represent. If this is not satisfactory, name your terms for perpetual friendship and thorough 'reconstruction'—*Corson 'contra mundum*.'

Our work is done, and very indifferently done, we know, but it can't be helped. It is among the human impossibilities to take up such a mass of printed matter—with less than a week before you, and the cares of business on your mind—to read, mark, learn, and so inwardly digest it, as to do justice to the proceedings under review, or to ourself. In our hastily prepared report, we have doubtless omitted many seasonings and sauces which would have imparted piquancy to its flavor, and introduced as many others which are calculated to destroy even that which it had; but even a 'cup of cold water,' if presented in a right spirit, is not without its reward. Virginia—God bless her, and by her we stand or fall!—is and always has been the bulwark of conservatism in politics, religion and Masonry—not carried away by every wind of doctrine, but sticking closer than a brother to her text. From that we cannot be cajoled by undeserved praise nor driven by censure. With the best of our poor ability, at proper times and on appropriate occasions, we will sustain what we *believe* to be *right* against the attacks of the world, the flesh, or the devil; and oppose, to the bitter end, what we *believe* to be *wrong*."

M. E. Comp. John P. Little was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held their annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, in the City of Milwaukee, commencing January 18th, 1870. M. E. Comp. A. V. H. Carpenter, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 39; marked, 96; inducted, 92; received and acknowledged, 73; exalted, 169; admitted, 20; dimitted, 71; suspended, 24; expelled, 1; rejected, 38; died, 21; members, 2,298. Dues, \$2,511.00; receipts, \$2,714.00; payments, \$2,792.35; balance, \$2,916.73.

The address of the G. H. P. is written with marked ability and eloquence. He thinks that "it would be better for Masonry and the Craft to make but one Mason in a year if he be a *man*, than to run through a hundred indifferent subjects—mere make weights—*verbum sat sapientibus*."

His description of what a Master should be is excellent:—

"To be a presiding officer requires executive ability, administrative talent, a knowledge of business and parliamentary rules, together with a

courteous and dignified manner. In addition to the foregoing, a presiding officer of a Masonic body should possess three indispensable qualifications : First, he should be *au fait* in the history of the Order—this includes the Ritual so far as relates to the forms and ceremonies ; second, he should understand the philosophy of Masonry, which embraces the explanatory portion of the lectures ; third in place, but first in importance, he must be thoroughly imbued with the *inspiration* of its glorious truths, without which all else is ‘as sounding brass, and a tinkling cymbal.’ Still another, and the crowning qualification of him who occupies the chair once filled by the illustrious founder of ‘Ancient Craft Masonry,’ is the ability to *command respect*, and the faculty of imparting instruction in such a manner as to impress upon his charge a proper sense of the beauty and perfection of the sublime precepts which have touched the hearts and united the souls of the greatest and best men the world has ever known, and which will lead all who feel their just influence to a higher and better life. Such an officer will be a pillar of wisdom, a tower of strength, and the perfection of beauty in the work of erecting that beauteous temple of Holiness, whose foundation is Charity, Mercy and Justice. Men of this character and description, are to be found in most Masonic bodies, but in order to secure their services they must be *brought out* ; they will *never nominate themselves* or electioneer for their own advancement. When such men are brought to the front and kept in that position, there will be no lack of work, or cause of complaint in regard to the quality of material offered for the building.”

The G. H. P. was authorized to commission representatives to sister Grand Chapters.

The constitution was revised, and other local business duly transacted.

We find nothing from the Committee appointed on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Thomas B. Tyler was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. T. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary.

We have now finished the review of the various proceedings brought under our notice. We have endeavored to collate therefrom the most instructive and entertaining passages, and we hope that they will prove acceptable to our Companions.

It will be seen that Capitular Masonry is enjoying a gratifying amount of substantial prosperity. From almost every quarter we have cheering intelligence that the ministrations of the Royal Craft are being attended with peace and harmony, and that the numberless blessings which flow from the exercise of the pure principles of our Order are being made available to many "good men and true," who have been selected as worthy of our esteem and respect.

We are also pleased to notice that the intercourse between the members of the Masonic family in different jurisdictions is characterized by a spirit of true fraternal fellowship, and we heartily reciprocate the kindly greetings from friends abroad with which we of the Dominion have been favored.

In conclusion, we would only call the attention of our Companions to the great and important duties that we, as Royal Arch Masons, are called upon to perform; and that if we would demonstrate to the world the excellence of our institution, we must be true to the teachings we receive in the Sacred Vault, and let our zeal and fidelity proclaim our attachment to our Ancient and Honorable Society. Then, indeed, we can truly say that ours are—

"The ample views, that, unconfined,
Stretch to the utmost walks of human kind:
Ours the spirit that, with widest plan,
Brother to brother binds, and man to man.
When the fleet vanities of life's brief day
Oblivion's hurrying wing shall sweep away,
Each act by charity and mercy done,
High o'er the wrecks of time, shall live alone,
Immortal as the heavens, and beauteous bloom
In other worlds, and realms beyond the tomb."

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by E. Comp. James Dunbar, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. Kemp, and resolved—

That the Report on Foreign Correspondence be received, and printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

It was moved by E. Comp. J. Dunbar, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. Kemp, and unanimously resolved—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson for his very able Report.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the following Companions declared duly elected :—

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	re-elected,	Grand Z.
R. " "	H. J. Pratten,	"	H.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	"	J.
" " "	Thos. B. Harris,	re-elected,	" Scribe E.
" " "	Daniel Spry,	"	" N.
V. " "	David McLellan,	"	Prin. Sojourner.
R. " "	John V. Noel,	re-elected	" Treasurer.
" "	S. C. Channell,	"	Registrar.

By an open vote,

Comp. W. W. Summers,

Grand Janitor.

The Town of Belleville was nominated as the place for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

In amendment,

The City of Hamilton was named as the place for holding the next Annual Convocation.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the affirmative, and the City of Hamilton was declared to be the place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation.

E. Comp. F. Montague Sowdon gave notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, he will move

to amend the Constitution, so as to provide that the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter shall in future be held at the same places as the annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Canada are held, and during the same week, say on the Monday preceding the annual assembly of that Grand Lodge.

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives of the Chapters of the respective Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z., as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas F. McMullen, re-elected,	London	District.
" "	Charles L. Beard,	" Wilson	"
" "	George H. Patterson,	Huron	"
R. "	Edwin Goodman,	Hamilton	"
" "	Thomas Sargent, re-elected,	Toronto	"
" "	James Might,	Ontario	"
" "	H. W. Day, re-elected,	Prince Edward	"
V. "	Rev. C. Forest,	Central	"
" "	F. Montague Sowdon,	Montreal	"
R. "	E. Kemp, re-elected,	Eastern Townships	"
" "	James Dunbar,	Quebec	"
V. "	D. R. Munro,	New Brunswick.	

The following Companions were elected by Grand Chapter as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :—

R. E. Comps. A. A. Stevenson, Henry Robertson, C. D. Macdonnell, John S. Bowen and James Seymour.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana—which, having been found satisfactory, our R. E. Companion was received and greeted with the usual formalities.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet to-morrow (Thursday), at 10 A. M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 1870.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 10.30 A. M.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.
R. " "	Charles L. Beard, as	" H.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	" J.

On the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M. E. Grand Z. proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected Officers for the ensuing Masonic year—who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic ceremonies—as follows :—

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Ottawa, Grand Z.
R. " "	H. J. Pratten,	Quebec, " H.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	Belleville; " J.
" " "	Thos. Bird Harris,	Hamilton, " Scribe E.
" " "	Daniel Spry,	Toronto, " " N.
" " "	David McLellan,	Toronto, " Prin. Sojr.
" " "	John V. Noel,	Kingston, " Treasurer.
" " "	S. C. Channell,	" Registrar.
" " "	W. W. Summers,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. F. McMullen,	London	District.
" " "	Charles L. Beard,	Woodstock,	Wilson
" " "	George H. Patterson,	Galt,	Huron
" " "	Edwin Goodman,	St. Catharines,	Hamilton
" " "	Thomas Sargant,	Toronto,	Toronto
" " "	James Might,	Millbrook,	Ontario
" " "	H. W. Day,	Trenton,	Prince Edward
" " "	Rev. C. Forest,	Merrickville,	Central
" " "	F. Montague Sowdon,	Montreal,	Montreal
" " "	E. Kemp,	Nelsonville,	Eastern Townships
" " "	James Dunbar,	Quebec,	Quebec
" " "	D. R. Munro,	St. John,	New Brunswick;

At a subsequent date, the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz. :—

V. E. Comp. John Boyd,	Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner.
" " " F. J. Menet,	" 2nd " "
" " " A. B. Petrie,	" Sword Bearer.
" " " Edward Mitchell,	" Standard Bearer.
" " " John A. McKenzie,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " " R. Handsley,	" Organist.
" " " John Mullin,	" Pursuivant.
" " " Wm. Hay,	} " Stewards.
" " " Robert Struthers,	
" " " Robert Kincaid,	
" " " R. A. Woodcock,	

The M. E. Grand Z. directs that each Companion elected and appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

The Grand Scribe E. announced to Grand Chapter that the Special Committee on Work of the Royal Arch Degree were prepared to submit the result of their labors, and to proceed with the exemplification of the Ritual, which they recommend for adoption by this Grand Chapter.

Is was moved by V. E. Comp. Wm. Reid, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, and resolved—

That the Ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, as exhibited by the Special Committee, be adopted by this Grand Chapter, as the Ritual to be used in all Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. J. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, and resolved—

That the same Committee, with such others as they may deem necessary to call to their assistance, continue their labor in regard to the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Degrees, with the view of harmonizing any differences that may appear, and the bringing about a uniform system, to be adopted by all Lodges under this Grand Chapter.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. Kemp, and unanimously resolved—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Companions of the Stadacona Chapter for the use of their Chapter Room for the holding of this Annual Convocation.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by R. E. Comp. David McLellan, and resolved—

That the M. E. Grand Z. be authorized to defray the incidental expenses incurred at this Annual Convocation, as also for printing the proceedings of this Convocation, as soon as they shall have been completed.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in *ample form* at 11.30 o'clock, A. M.

ATTEST.



G. S. E.

G. S. E.

Returns of Subordinate Chapters,

RENDERED A. D. 1870.

No. 1—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1795.

Stated Meetings—third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	George M. Wilkinson,	Z.
" "	W. P. Phillips,	H.
" "	R. M. Horsey,	J.
" "	Daniel McCartney,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....50

No. 2—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1820.

Stated Meetings—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	William Reid,	Z.
" "	Charles W. Smith,	H.
" "	A. J. Nuthall,	J.
" "	E. Geo. Conklin,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....47

No. 4—CHAPTER OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, TORONTO, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1847.

Stated Meetings—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman,	Z.
V. " "	F. J. Menet,	H.
" "	R. P. Stephens,	J.
" "	John K. Macdonald,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....43

No. 5—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1854.

Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. F. McMullen,	Z.
" "	F. Westlake,	H.
" "	William Carey,	J.
" "	H. A. Baxter,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....51

No. 6—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1855.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Edward Mitchell,	Z.
" "	Hugh A. Mackay,	H.
" "	Richard Brierley,	J.
" "	H. Burkholder,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....100

No. 7—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1856.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Alfred Ellis,	Z.
" "	William Doctor,	H.
" "	John Taylor,	J.
" "	George D. Dickson,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....74

No. 8—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1857.

Stated Meetings—third Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	David McLellan,	Z.
" "	George C. Patterson,	H.
" "	E. Hollingshead,	J.
" "	F. Clarke,	Scribe E.

Number of members83

No. 9—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, SHERBROOKE, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1858.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	George H. Borlase,	Z.
" "	Rev. C. P. Mallory,	H.
" "	E. W. Wiswell,	J.
" "	William Farwell, jr.,	Scribe E.

Number of members72

No. 10—NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1858. AFFILIATED—A. D. 1868.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	James McNichol, Jr.,	Z.
" "	J. C. Hatheway,	H.
" "	Wm. J. Logan,	J.
" "	D. Smith Stewart,	Scribe E.

Number of members98

No. 12—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1850. AFFILIATED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Robert Hendry, Jr.,	Z.
V. " "	S. H. Blondheim,	H.
" "	A. Malone,	J.
R. " "	John V. Noel,	Scribe E.

Number of members36

No. 13—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1854. AFFILIATED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Christopher Staveley,	Z.
" "	William Wilkinson,	H.
" "	John Tweddell,	J.
" "	Peter J. Brady,	Scribe E.

Number of members73

No. 14—PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Edson Kemp,	Z.
" "	James Oliver,	H.
" "	H. W. Wood,	J.
" "	Stevens Baker,	Scribe E.

Number of members24

No. 15—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John A. Mackenzie,	Z.
" "	Louis Ernst,	H.
" "	John Tracy,	J.
" "	George Russell,	Scribe E.

Number of members35

No. 16—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	J. J. Gemmell,	Z.
" " "	William Hay,	H.
" "	D. S. Eastwood,	J.
" "	C. S. Scott,	Scribe E.

Number of members63

No. 17—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday in every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	William A. Taylor,	Z.
" "	George H. Allen,	H.
" "	Daniel L. Allen,	J.
" "	W. J. Briggs,	Scribe E.

Number of members51

No. 18—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Charles L. Beard,	Z.
" "	John Paterson,	H.
" "	E. A. H. Fauquier,	J.
" "	Henry J. Finkle,	Scribe E.

Number of members42

No. 19—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Robert Struthers,	Z.
" "	George Groves,	H.
" "	Walter Chatfield,	J.
" "	John Dale,	Scribe E.

Number of members70

No. 20—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Taylor,	Z.
" "	Humphrey Davis,	H.
" "	Hugh McK. Wilson,	J.
V. " "	John W. Lethbridge,	Scribe E.

Number of members29

No. 21—CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	F. Montague Sowdon,	Z.
" "	Frank Edgar,	H.
" "	William Angus,	J.
" "	Thomas C. Stratton,	Scribe E.

Number of members47

No. 22—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	A. G. Macdonell,	Z.
" "	Rev. E. W. Beaven,	H.
" "	M. Dowsley,	J.
" "	Rev. W. McGill,	Scribe E.

Number of members33

No. 23—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Wilson,	Z.
" "	John Williamson,	H.
" "	A. J. Donly,	J.
" "	R. Thoroughgood,	Scribe E.

Number of members33

No. 24—TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1863.

Stated Meetings—last Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Dutton,	Z.
" "	Alex. Matheson,	H.
" "	John Gibson,	J.
" "	J. A. Carroll,	Scribe E.

Number of members49

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1864.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. R. Handsley,	Z.
“ “ W. E. Coquillette,	H.
“ “ Alfred Picault,	J.
“ “ H. Le Cappellain,	Scribe E.

Number of members75

No. 26—ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1865.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. H. W. Delany,	Z.
“ “ James Dench,	H.
“ “ James Young,	J.
“ “ David Roblin,	Scribe E.

Number of members 8

No. 27—MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1866.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. E. R. Carpenter,	Z.
“ “ Allan Cameron,	H.
“ “ James Lindsay,	J.
“ “ Adam Dudgeon,	Scribe E.

Number of members33

No. 28—PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1866.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. John Boyd,	Z.
“ “ John Staunton,	H.
“ “ J. Wright,	J.
“ “ George W. Garth,	Scribe E.

Number of members60

No. 29—McCALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1866.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John Parry,	Z.
" "	Joseph Hurssell,	H.
" "	William Braund,	J.
" "	Charles E. S. Black,	Scribe E.

Number of members22

No. 30—HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1867.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Isaac F. Toms,	Z.
" "	Hugh Gardiner,	H.
" "	B. Trainer,	J.
" "	Edward Hosker,	Scribe E.

Number of members

No. 31—PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1868.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	David Denoon,	Z.
" "	Donald Fraser,	H.
" "	A. R. Vanblaricum,	J.
" "	James J. Carter,	Scribe E.

Number of members24

No. 32—WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1868.

Stated Meetings—Monday on or after full moon in Feb., May, September and November.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	George H. Patterson,	Z.
" "	William Elliott,	H.
" "	George Keating,	J.
" "	John Habbick,	Scribe E.

Number of members26

No. 34—SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—First Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	C. S. Elliot,	Z.
" "	G. T. Bolster,	H.
" "	Robert Ross,	J.
" "	John World,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....10

No. 35—KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Geo. H. Dartnell,	Z.
" "	Ycoman Gibson,	H.
" "	Jno. P. Campbell,	J.
		Scribe E.

Number of members.....

No. 36—CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBORO', ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—third Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	James Might,	Z.
V. " "	Robert Kincaid,	H.
" "	Robert Taylor,	J.
" "	Maurice Dunsford,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....16

No. 6—VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John Wright,	Z.
" "	Harrison G. Taylor,	H.
" "	Robert Nicholls,	J.
" "	Joseph B. O'Dell,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....22

No. 38—SEYMOUR CHAPTER, BRADFORD, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1870.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or before full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John W. H. Wilson,	Z.
" "	H. G. Summers,	H.
" "	Wm. Jamison,	J.
" "		Scribe E.

Number of members.....10

No. 39—BOTSFORD CHAPTER, MONCTON, N. B.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1870.

Stated Meetings—third Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Hon. Bliss Botsford,	Z.
" "	John L. Harris,	H.
" "	Amos H. Chandler,	J.
		Scribe E.

Number of members.....9

No. 40—GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1870.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Alex. B. Petrie,	Z.
" "	Charles Sharpe,	H.
" "	Wm. D. Hepburn,	J.
" "	Geo. H. Jessop,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....13

No. 41—HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1870.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Ralph A. Woodcock,	Z.
" "	Peter J. Brown,	H.
" "	Isaac R. Walker,	J.
" "	Charles H. Sorley,	Scribe E.

Number of members.....9

Suspensions.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, Ont.

Comp. Mathew Howie.

Moirs Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.

Comp. Rev. J. A. Preston,	Comp. Vanzarnt Lyon,
“ E. J. Sisson,	“ Peter Begg,
“ Byron C. Scovill,	“ Sesh Wheadon,
“ R. H. Jones,	“ Charles F. Pelletier,
“ D. G. Bowan,	“ Amos S. Bristol,
“ George Arkle,	“ Thomas Moore,
“ W. P. Despard,	“ A. E. Fife,
“ Robert Wingate,	“ Hugh Stevenson.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.

Comp. Joseph Moore,	Comp. D. S. Shoemaker.
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New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, St. John, N. B.

Comp. Wm. L. Mullaby,	Comp. Frank W. Currier.
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Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, Ont.

Comp. W. K. Sumner,	Comp. J. B. Robertson,
“ H. S. Keefer,	“ Richard Clement,

Carnarvon Chapter, No. 21, Montreal, Q.

Comp. Laurence L. Levey,	Comp. W. L. McKenzie,
“ H. Benjamin,	“ William Dalton,
“ S. Compain,	“ W. F. Howell,
“ Harry Seymour,	“ Ludger Labelle,
“ A. J. W. Laidlaw,	

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, O.

Comp. Daniel L. Sills,	“ Mathew Deans.
“ Arthur H. Thompson,	

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25, Montreal, Q.

Comp. John Jesse Reeves.

Suspensions.

UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, O.

Comp. John Henry Holden.

Restorations.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, O.

Comp. John McKeown.

Moir Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, O.

Comp. John Bell.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, O.

Comp. Abel Bristol.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No 25, Montreal, Q.

Comp. Julius Miller.

Representatives.

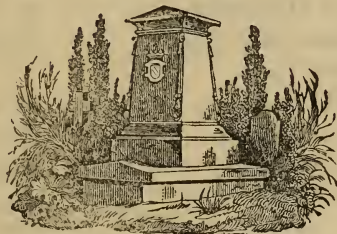
IN THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

M. E. Comp.	T. D. Harington,	for Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
R. " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" " Missouri.
" " "	James Seymour,	" " Indiana.
V. " "	James K. Kerr,	" " Scotland.

FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

R. E. Comp.	A. J. Stewart,	in Grand Chapter of Scotland.
" " "	Geo. S. Blackie,	" " Tennessee.
" " "	Geo. F. Gouley,	" " Missouri.

AT REST.



Comp. JOHN H. WATSON, January, 1870.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON, O.

Comp. JAMES WHITEFORD, 18th December, 1869.

“ **GEORGE VAIR, 22nd January, 1870.**

MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE, O.

Comp. CHARLES NICHOLSON, 1869.

NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, No. 10, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Comp. ASHER NOBLE PECK, 6th March, 1869.

“ **WILLIAM WADE,**

CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16, OTTAWA, O.

Comp. THOMAS KELLY, 1869.

“ **HUGH WISE,** (date not known.)

“ **WILLIAM COOKMAN, do.**

DORCHESTER CHAPTER, No. 17, WATERLOO, Q.

Comp. URSEN A. HARVEY, 6th August, 1869.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, ST. CATHARINES, O.

Comp. G. H. MONK,

CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 21, MONTREAL, Q.

Comp. MICHAEL HAMILTON FOLEY, 5th April, 1870.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE, O.

Comp. WILLIAM GEORGE BLACK, 20th August, 1869.

“ **GEORGE MUNN, 13th December, 1869.**

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 25, MONTREAL, Q.

Comp. JOSEPH WILCOX PARKER, 22nd May, 1869.

MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 29, COLLINGWOOD, O.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER,

1870-71.

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.	
R. " "	Henry J. Pratten,	" H.	} Grand Council.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	" J.	
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe E.
" " "	Daniel Spry,	"	" N.
" " "	David McLellan,	"	Princ'l Sojourner.
" " "	John V. Noel,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	S. C. Channell,	"	Registrar.
V. " "	John Boyd,	"	1st Asst. Sojourner.
" " "	F. J. Menet,	"	2nd " "
" " "	A. B. Petrie,	"	Sword Bearer.
" " "	Edward Mitchell,	"	Standard Bearer.
" " "	John A. McKenzie,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	R. Handsley,	"	Organist.
" " "	John Mullin,	"	Pursuivant.
" " "	William Hay,	}	" Stewards.
" " "	Robert Struthers,		
" " "	Robert Kincaid,		
" " "	R. A. Woodcock,		
" " "	W. W. Summers,	"	Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas F. McMullen,	London	District.
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" " "	Edwin Goodman,	Hamilton	"
" " "	Thomas Sargent,	Toronto	"
" " "	James Might,	Ontario	"
" " "	H. W. Day,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	Rev. Chas. Forest,	Central	"
" " "	F. M. Sowdon,	Montreal	"
" " "	Edson Kemp,	Eastern Townships	"
" " "	James Dunbar,	Quebec	"
" " "	D. R. Munro,	New Brunswick.	"

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Oregon.....	R. P. Earhart.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Philadelphia.
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Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Robest Brewster.....	Houston.
Vermont.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.
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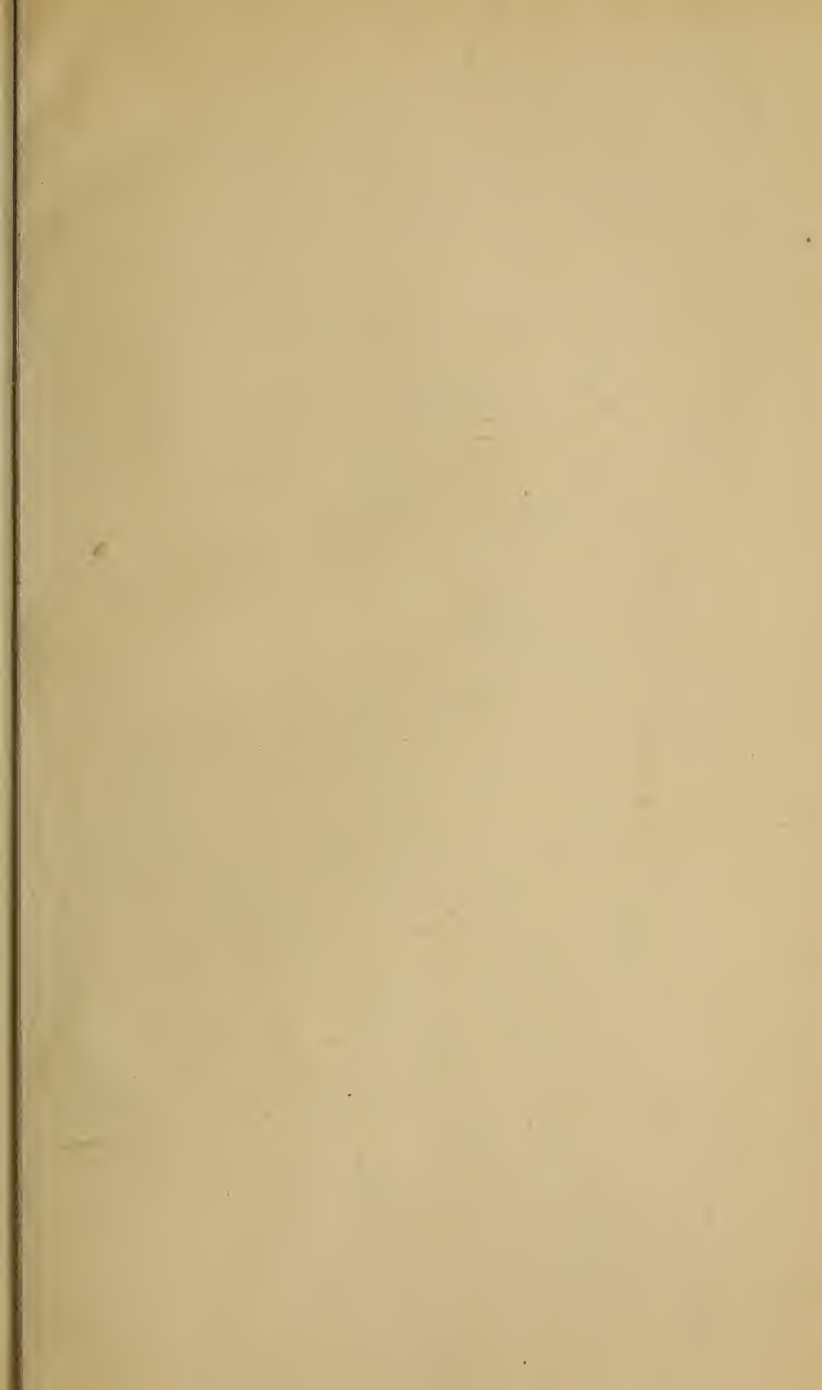
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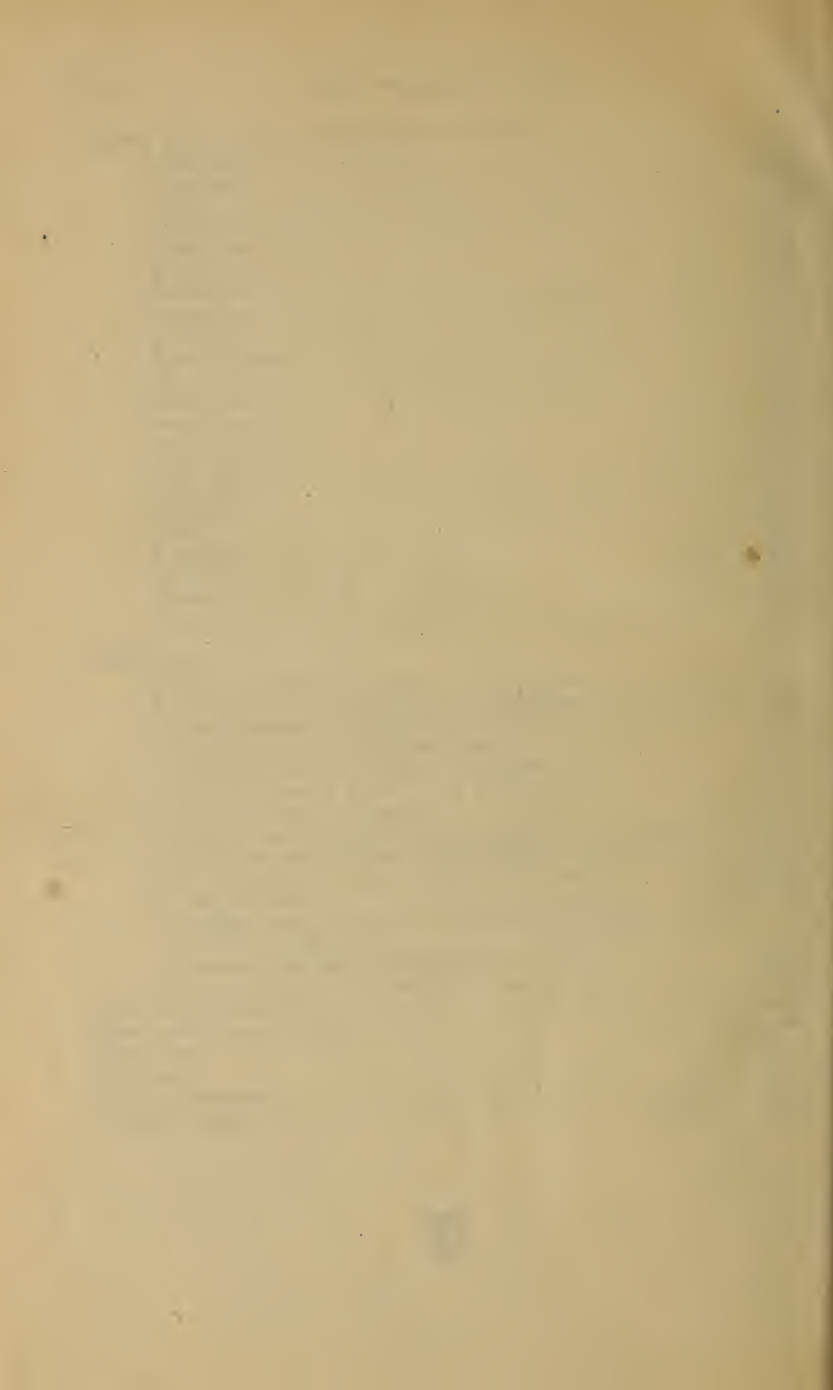
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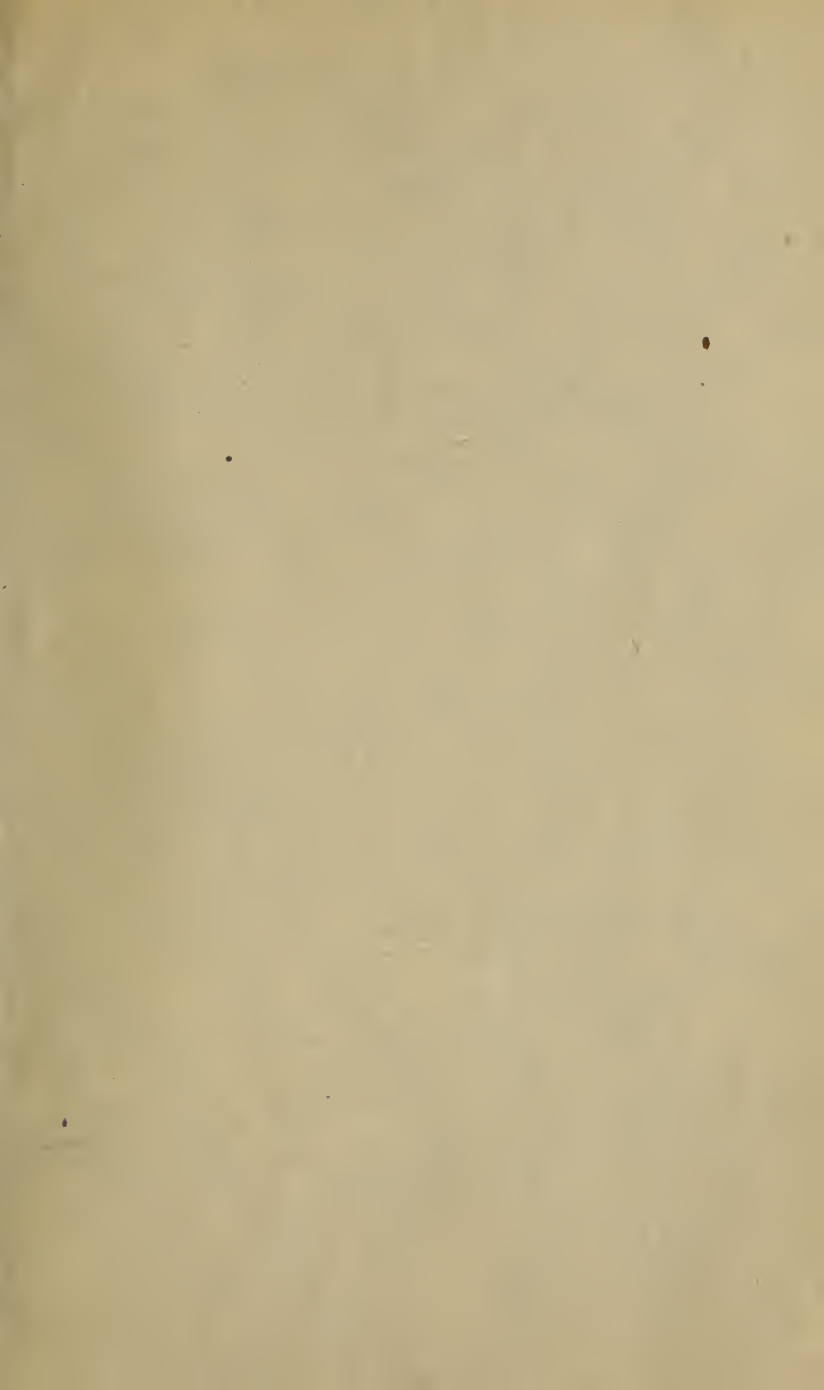
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